

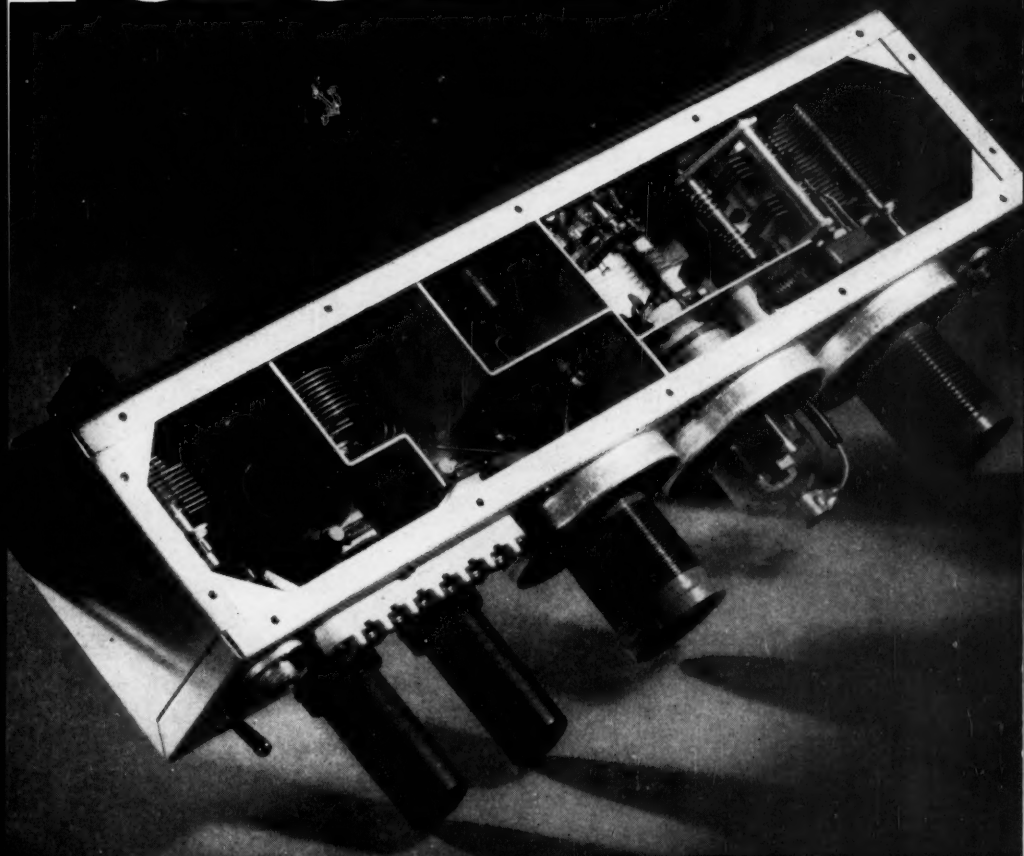
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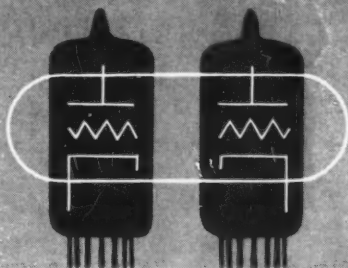


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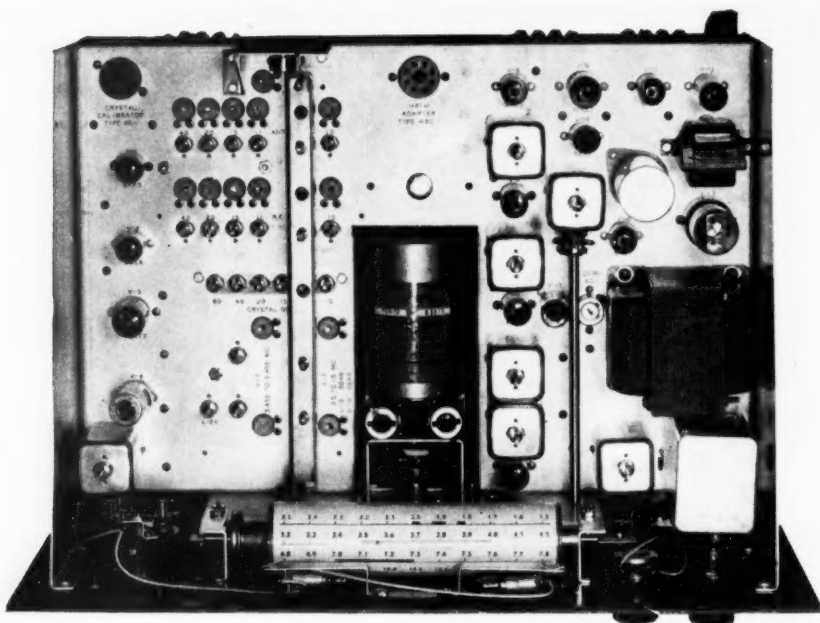
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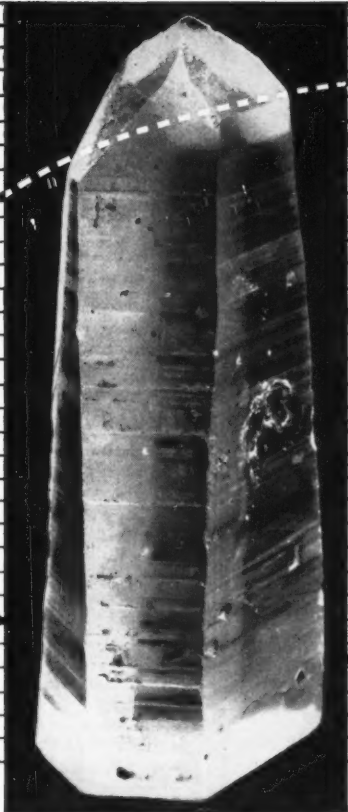
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As detailed in "Happenings" and "Operating News" elsewhere in this issue, FCC has now released proposed rules for a new Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. These are the long-awaited regulations to govern the furnishing of civil defense communications by amateur radio. It is our fervent hope that the rules will be made final substantially as proposed and in as short a time as possible, and any minor kinks left for ironing out later.

We need to get moving! Too much steam has been lost from amateur interest in civil defense work by the tardy development of national planning and regulations. If these rules can be finalized promptly after February 15th, it will largely complete the picture for amateur participation.

RACES will be an entirely new service, operating in the amateur bands, yet almost indistinguishable from regular amateur network operations. They'll be amateur calls, amateur frequencies, amateur equipment for the most part, and largely amateur procedure. Then why RACES? Because it actually gets civil defense communication "on the books" in the form of authorized networks and stations, facilities that can continue operation in the event of war after normal amateur activities are shut down. It is foresight, inspired by lessons previously learned the hard way, to get the policy set and paper-work out of the way in advance, so that the operating machine can function with full effectiveness right at the start should it be needed.

All this means to the individual amateur the same as previous developments in the field have indicated: join the AREC, get aligned with your Emergency Coordinator, and be prepared to do your part in providing your community with emergency communication in the event it is needed.

TVI COMMITTEES

Not to be lost sight of in the bustle of preparation for civil defense communication is George Turner's milestone article in January *QST*, "FCC's Plan for Handling TVI." If perchance you missed it, get it out and acquaint yourself now with the proposed program.

The Commission has placed its blessing on a procedure which amateurs have found a useful tool in tackling TVI problems and

which we have been urging among clubs post-war — the formation of TV interference committees. Dallas and Dayton have demonstrated how effective this procedure can be. The committee approach can do the same for your city or community. And the encouraging part of FCC's announcement is that final solutions to many individual cases will be made easier with the agreement by major TV receiver manufacturers to install low-pass filters or other suitable remedies when adequate investigation shows the fault to lie with the receiver.

The call is clear — every community should have a TV interference committee. Certainly every amateur radio club should have one, or in larger cities participate in a council-style city-wide body. Each such committee to be formed, as well as each one already in existence, should get itself squared away with the FCC Regional Manager having jurisdiction — see the January story for names and addresses. While the committee will not in any manner have authority to act for FCC, it is quite possible that local engineers may follow the practice of turning over to the committee for preliminary investigation — and, it would be hoped, solution — such complaints as the office might receive. The ultimate aim is that the committee will produce such satisfactory results and become so well known in its community that any complaints from the public will be directed to it and not to FCC.

The technical hotshot in your club or community isn't necessarily first choice for your committee. You'll want him on it, of course. But we've learned that this job calls for 90% public relations and 10% engineering. While hardly cut-and-dried, the technical solutions to a TVI problem are pretty well established. Dealing with the public, and especially with a portion of it which may be temporarily irate, is a task for which no one can write specifications as to procedure. So the "front" man for your committee doesn't have to know a clamp tube from a reactance modulator to do his job well, if he knows how to deal in personalities. Pick him accordingly.

After your committee is set up and aligned with the FCC Regional Manager, the operating procedure is pretty well spelled out step by step in the January *QST* article. But the first step — formation of the committee — is up to you. **Start today!**

Painless Shielding for the Plug-in Coil Transmitter-Exciter

The New Type 6146 Tube in an All-Band 90-Watt Outfit

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THERE is a certain monotony in the way in which the 807 injects itself into transmitter design. Except for flea-power sets, it doesn't make much difference what sort of rig is under consideration — the tube always seems to fit in logically somewhere along the line. With the introduction of the Type 6146, it could be that we have a new candidate for ubiquitousness. For besides somewhat higher ratings this new beam tetrode has a lot more versatility, including the ability to work at frequencies where the 807 is not a very good performer.

One useful feature of the new tube is that it is physically small. Mere size, as such, may not always be important; however, the type of construction used in the transmitter shown here would not have been possible with an 807 for the simple reason that there are no standard shield cans tall enough to fit it. In most cases, of course, the small size is more important for electrical reasons — leads both inside and outside the tube are shorter, making for better performance at the higher frequencies.

The 6146 is better described as a larger version of the 2E26 than as a redesigned 807. Its base connections are the same as those of the 2E26, the structure is similar, and it has the three cathode leads that are useful in reducing cathode-leak inductance for better v.h.f. performance. One of the most valuable characteristics of the new tube, in our opinion, is its ability to work well over a large range of plate voltages. It can be driven to the maximum plate current of 150 ma. even at 300 volts on the plate, and the maximum c.w. input rating (ICAS) of 90 watts can be used with any voltage from 600 to 750. This leaves the user free to choose any one of a number of economical power-supply combinations, depending on whether the tube is to be used

• The transmitter described in this article illustrates the use of standard parts to obtain complete shielding with plug-in coils, reducing set and lead radiation of harmonics in the television range to negligibility. Pi-network tank circuits are used in a compact three-stage layout ending in a 6146 beam tetrode. The final stage can be operated at any voltage from 300 to 600, delivering outputs from 25 to 65 watts.

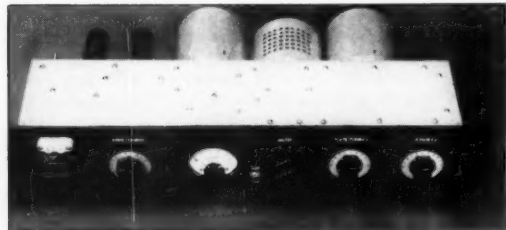
as the final amplifier or as a driver for a higher-power stage.

The transmitter illustrated is set up to use the maximum c.w. input rating of 90 watts at a plate voltage of 600. This voltage was used not only because it is unnecessary to go any higher, but also because 600 is the maximum rating for plate-and-screen modulation. A single plate transformer will suffice for the whole set. As an exciter, it can be operated from as little as a 300-volt 200-ma. supply, running an input of 45 watts to the amplifier with an output of 25 to 30 watts.

Owners of prewar *Handbooks* may recognize the style of construction, since it was used in an exciter that was quite popular in its day. While the basic idea leads to a compact design, compactness as such is not the primary object in the present case. The important feature is that complete shielding, with accessibility for coil changing, is obtained without resorting to special shield construction. The coils are enclosed by standard can-type shields with friction bases — an idea that, if not as old as the hills, certainly dates back to the first manufactured communications-type superhet, the Hammarlund Comet Pro. With the exception of the plug-in coils and the tubes, everything is shielded by the 3 × 4 × 17-inch chassis and its bottom plate, which does not have to be removed except in case servicing should be required. The 6146 has a shield similar to those used for the coils (I.C.A. type 1549), with holes drilled above and below the tube to allow air circulation. The other two tubes, 6AG7s, are metal and therefore more or less self-shielding.

Circuit Notes

The complete circuit is given in Fig. 1. Two 6AG7s are used to give excitation for the 6146 in all bands from 3.5 to 28 Mc. The tube labeled "oscillator"



A compact and completely shielded low-power transmitter using a 6146 as the final amplifier. It can be used at an input of 90 watts on c.w. or 67 watts for plate-modulated 'phone. The unit is mounted on a 3½ inch rack panel.

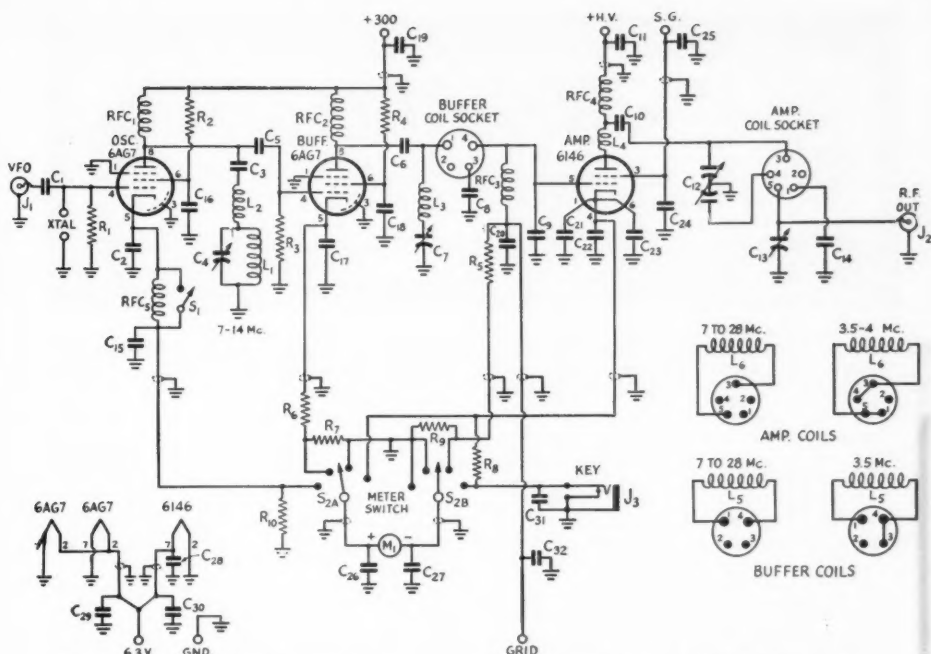


Fig. 1 — Circuit diagram of the transmitter.

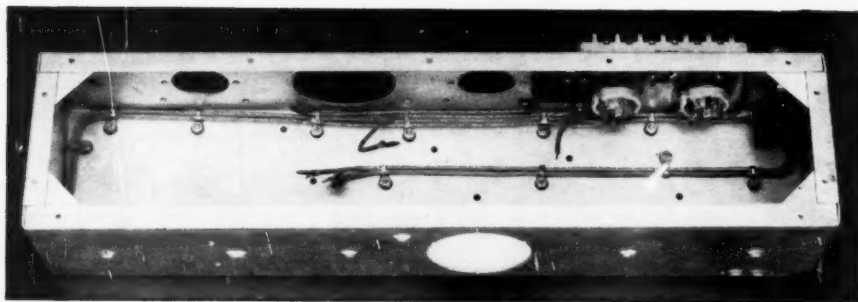
- C₁, C₃, C₅, C₆ — 470- μ fd. mica.
 C₂ — 150- μ fd. mica.
 C₄, C₇ — 140- μ fd. variable (Millen 19140).
 C₈, C₉ — 100- μ fd. silver mica.
 C₁₀ — 0.001- μ fd. mica, 1200-volt working.
 C₁₁ — 470- μ fd. mica, 1200-volt working.
 C₁₂ — 100- μ fd. section variable, 1000-volt spacing (National TMS-100D).
 C₁₃ — 325- μ fd. variable (Millen 19325).
 C₁₄ — 470- μ fd. silver mica.
 C₁₅ to C₃₂, inc. — 0.001- μ fd. ceramic, midjet size.
 R₁, R₂ — 47,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₃ — 47,000 ohms, 1 watt.
 R₄ — 15,000 ohms, 1 watt.
 R₅ — 27,000 ohms, 1 watt.
 R₆ — 150 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

is used as such (the circuit is of the harmonic-generating type) when the transmitter is crystal controlled, but with separate VFO input it becomes either an amplifier or frequency multiplier. The second 6AG7, the "buffer," is also either an amplifier or frequency multiplier.

There are a few circuit tricks in this unit that were adopted as a matter of necessity. We wanted to drive the amplifier on its output frequency on all bands, at least from a 7-Mc. crystal, and this requires three stages altogether if the job is to be done in a reasonably satisfactory manner. On the other hand, two plug-in coils represent enough of a chore in band-changing, and besides the chassis was not large enough to take more than two, with shields. Coil switching in the first stage was considered, but there was not enough room inside the chassis without excessive crowding, nor was there much panel room available for another control.

- R₇ — 2.2 ohms ($2 \times$ shunt for 0-25 milliammeter).
 R₈ — 0.24 ohm ($10 \times$ shunt for 0-25 milliammeter).
 R₉, R₁₀ — 100 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 J₁, J₂ — Coax connectors, chassis type.
 J₃ — Closed-circuit jack.
 RFC₁ to RFC₄, inc. — 2.5-mh. r.f. choke (National R-100S).
 RFC₅ — 2.5-mh. r.f. choke (Millen 34300-2500).
 L₁ — 13 turns No. 22, diameter 1 inch, length 1 inch.
 L₂ — 16 turns No. 30 d.c.c. on $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor.
 L₃ — 6 turns No. 14, diameter $\frac{5}{16}$ inch, length 1 inch.
 L₄ — 8 turns No. 18, diameter $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, length $\frac{5}{8}$ inch.
 L₅, L₆ — See coil table.
 M₁ — 0-25 d.c. milliammeter (Simpson Model 125).
 S₁ — S.p.s.t. toggle.
 S₂ — 2-pole 4-position wafer switch, non-shorting (Centralab 2505).

In consequence, the oscillator plate circuit is a permanent tank covering the range 7 to 14 Mc. with a single tuning condenser. When the output is on 28 Mc. the buffer 6AG7 doubles to that band and C₄L₁ therefore is tuned to 14 Mc. When the output is on 21 Mc. the buffer 6AG7 becomes a tripler and C₄L₁ is set to 7 Mc. For 14-Mc. operation the second 6AG7 becomes a doubler again and C₄L₁ is again tuned to 7 Mc. This is so far quite straightforward. However, for 7-Mc. output the buffer 6AG7 has to operate on 7 Mc. and, since there is no special shielding between the grid and plate circuits, it is likely to break into self-oscillation if its grid circuit is also tuned to that frequency. Consequently, it is necessary to detune C₄ far enough from resonance so that oscillation cannot occur, but not so far that resonance at 14 Mc. is approached. Since the second 6AG7 gets far more excitation than it needs, this detuning does not affect its output.



The shielded power wiring should be installed before the r.f. components are permanently mounted, including the ceramic by-passes across the ends of the shielded wires. The wires running along the center of the chassis go to the heater and grid choke of the final amplifier. The two that follow the chassis corner at the left are from the oscillator and buffer cathodes to the meter switch.

On 3.5 Mc. the 6AG7 is in no danger of self-oscillation because its grid circuit cannot be tuned anywhere near that band. It gets excitation simply by brute force across the low impedance represented by C_4L_1 at this frequency. The excitation is ample, the only point to watch being that C_4L_1 should not be tuned to a harmonic of the 3.5-Mc. operating frequency, since such tuning will reduce the buffer's output.

This system saves a good deal in constructional complications and works well, but it does require care in adjustment, particularly when operating on either 7 or 14 Mc. On the latter band the second 6AG7 can take off if C_4L_1 is tuned to 14 instead of 7 Mc. However, if the proper condenser settings are used there is no danger of self-oscillation. For utmost safety, a shield partition can be installed between the buffer tank condenser, C_7 , and the oscillator coil, L_1 , extending across the chassis close to the center of the 6AG7 buffer. This was subsequently tried in this unit and was found to stabilize the buffer to such an extent that it was impossible to make it self-oscillate on any frequency in either the 7- or 14-Mc. bands.

A pi network is used to couple the buffer to the final amplifier. This circuit has the advantages, for interstage coupling, outlined last month.¹ C_9 is the fixed output condenser shunting the grid of the 6146. It not only suppresses grid-circuit harmonics very effectively but also stabilizes the amplifier to prevent self-oscillation at the operating frequency. A value of 100 μfd . was found necessary for this purpose, along with careful pruning of the buffer plate coil. Like all beam tetrodes of high power sensitivity the 6146 tends to take off without neutralization unless stabilized by other means; in this case, no means for neutralizing was available without sacrificing other circuit features we wanted to retain. C_7 is the tuning control for the buffer plate circuit. The coupling to the amplifier grid is determined by the L/C ratio in the buffer plate circuit, and is set at an average value for each band by the size of the plate coil. On the 3.5-Mc. band an additional output capacitance,

C_8 , is connected in the circuit by means of a jumper in the coil form, so that proper coupling can be secured with a plate coil of reasonable size.

The amplifier output circuit also uses a pi network, designed for working into coaxial line. It was impossible to use a variable inductance as discussed last month,¹ so the loading control is a variable condenser, C_{13} . Although the harmonic suppression in the TV range is not as good, by actual test, as could be secured with a series-resonated fixed output condenser, it is still quite a lot better than could be obtained using the same components connected as a conventional parallel-tuned tank and provided with the customary link winding. The various amplifier plate coils specified have been carefully adjusted to work, with the range available in C_{13} , into flat lines of 50 to 75 ohms characteristic impedance. At the lower frequencies C_{13} has just about enough range to do the job. On the 3.5-4-Mc. band, where an additional capacitance C_{14} has to be connected in, it is necessary to use two tank coils to secure proper amplifier loading. One, for 3.5 to 3.75 Mc., is adjusted to give the full 90 watts input for c.w. operation. The other is adjusted to give the maximum 'phone input of 67.5 watts over the 3.75- to 4-Mc. range.

Buffer and Amplifier Coil Table

Coils wound on 1½-inch diameter forms (National XR-4 and XR-5)

| | Wire Size | No. of Turns | Turns per Inch | L , $\mu\text{h.}^*$ |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Buffer coil, L_3 | | | | |
| 3.5-4 Mc. | 26 | 42 | 28 | 48 |
| 7 Mc. | 22 | 25 | 20 | 18.4 |
| 14 Mc. | 18 | 10 | 10 | 3.5 |
| 21 Mc. | 18 | 5 | 10 | 1.34 |
| 27-30 Mc. | 18 | 3½ | 10 | 0.96 |
| Amplifier coil, L_6 | | | | |
| 3.5-3.75 Mc. | 18 | 23½ | 16 | 14.5 |
| 3.75-4 Mc. | 22 | 25½ | 20 | 18.7 |
| 7 Mc. | 18 | 17½ | 12 | 8.3 |
| 14 Mc. | 18 | 10½ | 8 | 3.25 |
| 21 Mc. | 16 | 6½ | 5 | 1.36 |
| 27-30 Mc. | 16 | 4½ | 5 | 0.84 |

* Measured values with coil unshielded.

¹ Grammer, "Practical Applications of Pi-Network Tank Circuits for TVI Reduction," QST, January, 1952.

The amplifier plate tuning condenser, C_{12} , a double-section unit, has both sections in parallel for the 3.5-Mc. band but uses only one section for all other bands. The two are connected together by a jumper in the 3.5-Mc. coils. This arrangement makes the tuning at the higher frequencies less critical than it would be if a single-section condenser of the same maximum capacitance were used.

Parallel plate feed is used in all three stages. This permits grounding the variable condensers directly to the chassis, and also takes the d.c. off the plug-in coils so there is no shock hazard in band-changing.

Miscellaneous Features

L_2 , L_3 and L_4 are small coils used for parasitic suppression. The 6146 has an advantage over the 807 in this respect, since its shorter leads raise the parasitic frequency and a relatively small coil can be used in the plate lead to kill it. In this transmitter the plate return circuit, with L_4 as specified, resonates between 110 and 120 Mc., well out of the TV band, and thus does not boost harmonic output in the TV range. With the 807, a coil that tunes the plate return circuit to 80 Mc. or below usually is required for suppressing parasitics. The writer prefers this plate-coil method — when it can be used without setting up damaging resonances — to the grid choke and screen resistor combination, which tends to increase the harmonic voltage in the grid circuit as well as to increase the feed-back at the operating frequency through the grid-plate capacitance of the tube.

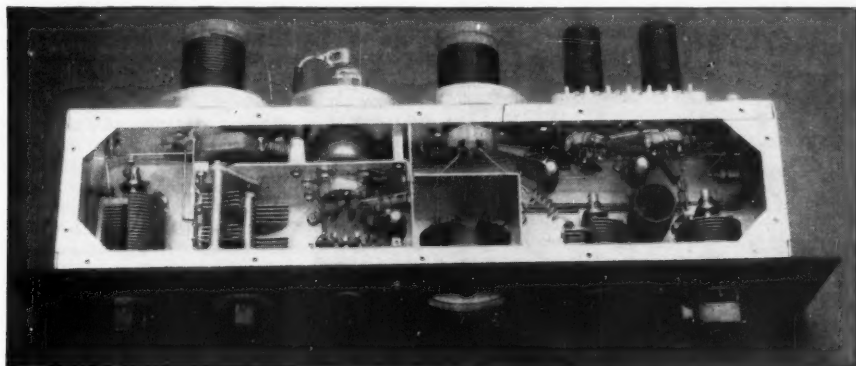
The 6AG7, like all high-sensitivity tubes, is only too willing to generate parasitic oscillations, and it was necessary to use small coils in both the grid and plate circuits of the buffer to suppress them in that stage. Connecting L_3 as shown, rather than in the plate lead itself, was found to

reduce the harmonic output of the stage (in the TV band) by a large factor.

The meter circuit is arranged so that the cathode currents of any of the three stages can be read, and also the grid current of the amplifier. The meter is a 0-25 milliammeter with shunts (wound with resistance wire on half-watt resistors as forms) to increase the range to 50 ma. for measuring the buffer current, and to 250 ma. for measuring the amplifier current. The screen and control-grid currents are of course included in the reading along with the plate current, but do not represent an important fraction of the total. The values of resistance for the multiplying shunts are for the particular make of milliammeter specified, and do not necessarily apply for other instruments. The proper values can be found in any case by following the method described in the measurements chapter of the *Handbook*.

A key jack is connected in the amplifier cathode circuit. It could be connected in any of the three cathodes, or the keying can be done in an external VFO if desired. In the event that any tube other than the amplifier is keyed, some provision must be made for holding the amplifier input to a safe value during key-up periods. The constructor can use any system he prefers for this purpose, since the screen lead is brought out separately and a lead is also brought out from the "hot" side of the amplifier grid leak to operate a clamp tube or other type of automatic protection system. (A clamp tube alone will not hold the plate current of a 6146 to a safe value without excitation; a VR-75 should be connected between the clamp-tube plate and the 6146 screen.) The currents taken by the other two tubes, with a 300-volt supply, are held to within ratings by the choice of screen-dropping resistors and cathode resistors, with no excitation applied.

The d.c. and heater wiring in the transmitter



Bottom view of the transmitter completely wired. The oscillator plate coil, L_1 , is between the two variable condensers at the right. The amplifier circuit occupies the left-hand portion of the chassis in this photograph. The bracket on which the amplifier socket is mounted is supported at one end by the plate tank condenser and at the other by a partition that shields the amplifier section from the oscillator-buffer section. The amplifier plate choke is mounted on the chassis between the tube-socket bracket and the chassis wall, just below the plate-lead terminal. The meter is enclosed by a right-angle shield to prevent stray harmonic pick-up that might cause radiation through the meter hole in the panel.

is all shielded, as indicated by the symbols in the circuit diagram, and the shielded leads are bypassed at the ends using the technique described in *QST* some time ago.² The effectiveness of this method of lead filtering is attested by the fact that we have been unable to detect any trace of interference radiated from the set and the external supply leads, even with the transmitter and a TV receiver side by side and with a TV signal so weak that the receiver will just barely hold sync.

Construction Pointers

The layout of the unit is pretty well shown by the various photographs. The actual makes of parts are given in the caption for Fig. 1 in many cases where physical size and shape are important, and if a substitution is made it should be determined beforehand that that particular part will fit.

A chassis 3 inches high and 4 inches deep does not provide much scope for a soldering iron when a fair number of parts has to be fitted in. However, the assembly job is not really difficult if it is planned out in advance. Without such planning it may tend to be impossible.

The secret of easy assembly is to do practically all the wiring before the parts are mounted, and to drill all the necessary holes in the chassis beforehand. A separate subassembly is used for most of the amplifier circuit. This should be built before any of the chassis wiring is started, as should also the shield partition to which one

end of it mounts. The latter must have small cutouts on its inner edge to allow the shielded wiring, which is all laid flat on the chassis, to pass through. When the amplifier assembly has been made, temporarily mount it by means of the condenser mounting studs, then fit the shield partition in place and use it as a template to determine the right positions for the mounting holes in the chassis. Make the right-angled shield for the meter and use it as a template for its mounting holes similarly. At this stage it is a good idea to mount all the parts temporarily, both to make sure that everything fits properly and to study the layout a bit to determine just how the wiring should go. It will save time in the end if a wiring plan for the shielded supply leads is sketched out at this point.

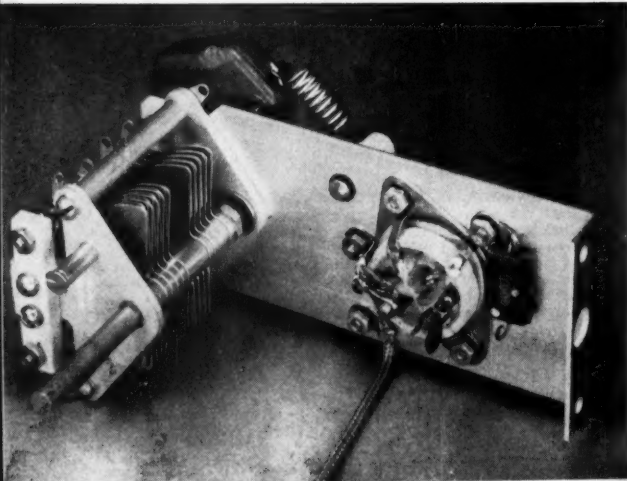
To start the job, mount the 6AG7 sockets, the terminal strip, the crystal-VFO switch, S_1 , the amplifier plate-lead by-pass condenser, C_{11} , and the coaxial connector, J_1 , for VFO input. Temporarily mount the meter switch, S_2 , and also RFC_2 and RFC_4 . Then, starting from the terminal strip and the cathode terminals on the tube sockets, run shielded wires to the proper points. In each case mount the disk ceramic on the end of the wire at the starting end, lay the wire exactly where it is going to be on the chassis, determine the proper length, and then trim and finish it off, but do not solder anywhere except at the starting point. (The switch and chokes have to be removed before the amplifier assembly can be put in place and before some of the other work can be done.) Then take out the switch, install the amplifier assembly and shield partition temporarily, along with RFC_3 , and run in the shielded screen and grid leads, again connecting only at the starting ends. The leads can be held down to the chassis by using soldering lugs as miniature clamps. When all the wires are in place, spot solder the shield braid to each lug. When all the shielded wiring is in (including the leads from S_2 to the meter), remove the temporarily-mounted parts and finish off all the wiring, including installing small parts, around the 6AG7 sockets.

At this stage the amplifier coil socket should be mounted — with the mounting ring on the outside of the chassis, since the socket prongs may interfere with the amplifier assembly if the ring is inside — and leads soldered to it for later connection to C_{12} . Mount J_2 and wire it to the amplifier coil socket. Then install the amplifier assembly, the meter switch, and J_3 , and complete the wiring to the latter two. After this RFC_3 can be mounted permanently and its wiring finished, and then the wiring of the entire amplifier circuit may be completed. RFC_4 can be installed by making use of the chassis hole through which the amplifier tube projects.

² Grammer, "By-Passing for Harmonic Reduction," *QST*, April, 1951.

Pre-wired amplifier assembly. The ungrounded lead from the coupling-network output condenser is left free until the permanent lead is run in (through the hole in the lip at the right) from the buffer tank coil to the grid prong on the amplifier socket. The shielded leads for the screen grid and the hot filament connection (Pin 7) are connected after this assembly is permanently installed.

The metal plate holding the tube socket is mounted to the rear frame of the tank condenser, using holes already present in the condenser frame for the mounting screws. The plate blocking condenser mounts on the upper screw holding the rear stator section of the condenser, after removing the nut supplied with the condenser. The shielded lead shown here goes from the cathode to the meter switch.



The rest is quite straightforward, since it involves only parts in the oscillator and buffer circuits that are easily accessible. The buffer coil socket has to be mounted after the amplifier assembly and shield partition are finally in place, because it interferes with installation of the partition.

Power Supply

For operation at maximum ratings the power supply should deliver 600 volts at approximately 150 ma. and 300 volts at 50 ma. A single transformer of the type designed to give a d.c. output voltage (through the filter) of 600 at a current of 200 ma. or so will suffice. The 300-volt output can be obtained by using two VR-150s in series, with a dropping resistor that will allow a bleed current of 10 ma. or so to flow through the VR tubes. The total current taken by the two 6AG7s varies between extremes of 30 and 50 ma., depending on the frequency and whether or not the tubes have grid excitation.

Under operating conditions the screen voltage for the 6146 should be around 200 volts. It is advisable to get this voltage through a dropping resistor from the 600-volt plate supply, rather than from a fixed voltage source. A resistance of 35,000 ohms is about optimum for either c.w. or plate-modulated 'phone. If a clamp tube is used for c.w. work with a VR-75 as recommended earlier, the dropping resistor should be reduced to 25,000 ohms.

If the transmitter is to be used as an exciter at lower plate voltage, it is recommended that the 6AG7s still get their voltage from VR-150s as described above. The screen resistor for the 6146 should be reduced to a value that will put about 200 volts on the screen under operating conditions. With a 400-volt plate supply this requires 10,000 ohms, and with a 300-volt supply a 5000-ohm resistor is about right. Both these values are for cases where the VR-75 is not used. The VR-75 will of course introduce an additional drop of 75 volts.

Operating Notes

As stated earlier, the amplifier output circuit has been designed to match into either 50- or 75-ohm resistive loads. If the antenna does not use coaxial feed, then a coax-coupled antenna tuner or matching circuit should be used, and the set-up should be adjusted to make the standing-wave ratio on the coax line come as close to 1 to 1 as possible. If this is done the amplifier tank coils specified in the table will allow adjusting the load on the tube, by means of C_{13} , to the rated value. The simplest way to adjust the s.w.r. is to use a resistance bridge such as is described in the *Handbook*. Matching circuit design also is discussed in the *Handbook*. Without some means for measuring the s.w.r., loading becomes a rather hit-or-miss proposition and rated input can be achieved only by trial and error settings of C_{13} . In every case, of course, C_{12} should be adjusted for minimum plate current, since this condenser is the one that keeps the circuit

resonant at the operating frequency.

Providing the line s.w.r. is low, there should be no difficulty in setting the plate current to 150 ma. in all bands except 3750-4000 kc., using a 600-volt plate supply. In the 3750-4000 kc. range the amplifier coil inductance is chosen to load the tube to 112 ma. for the maximum plate-modulated 'phone rating. On any frequency, the loading decreases when the capacitance of C_{13} is increased; i.e., the higher the capacitance the lower the plate current, C_{12} being tuned to resonance. If for some reason the proper full-load plate current cannot be secured at any setting of C_{13} , increasing the inductance of the tank coil, L_6 , will decrease the loading and lowering the inductance will increase it.

In the circuit coupling the buffer to the amplifier grid there is an optimum value for L_5 that will result in maximum amplifier grid current. The specifications given for L_5 in the coil table represent, in general, an inductance somewhat different than the optimum value, particularly at the higher frequencies. The reason for this is that, for a given capacitance at C_9 , the amplifier grid circuit is more effectively loaded (with improved stabilization) if the impedance step-down from the buffer plate to the amplifier grid is made as large as practicable. Under these conditions maximum power is not delivered to the amplifier grid. The coil specifications given are based on a compromise that allows the amplifier to get sufficient driving power with amplifier stabilization. It is easily possible, for example, to more than double the grid current at 28 Mc. by reducing C_9 to about 50 μfd . and adjusting L_5 to the optimum value. However, with these constants the amplifier may oscillate when tested, without excitation and without load, with a plate input equal to the maximum rated plate dissipation. This is undesirable, even though under normal operating conditions the amplifier is perfectly under the control of the drive.

It is a good idea to make the no-excitation no-loading test if means are available for reducing the input to the rated plate-dissipation value of 25 watts. This requires reducing either the screen voltage or, preferably, the plate and screen voltage proportionately together. There should be no change in plate current, or any sign of grid current, at any combination of settings of C_7 , C_{12} and C_{13} . If there is grid current at some setting of C_7 but no marked dip at any setting of C_{12} , remove the buffer tube from its socket. If the grid current disappears when this is done it is a good indication of parasitic oscillation in the buffer stage (assuming that C_4L_1 is not inadvertently tuned to the same frequency as the buffer plate circuit, as mentioned earlier), and it may be necessary to add a few turns to either L_2 or L_3 to cure it since the parasitic circuits may vary somewhat with slight differences in layout and wiring.

In the oscillator and buffer stages, pulling out the crystal should cut off the amplifier grid current completely (this test should be made

with the amplifier plate and screen voltages off, unless some form of no-excitation protection is provided) and the oscillator and buffer currents should be approximately 20 and 30 ma., respectively, with a 300-volt supply. These currents should not vary with settings of C_4 and C_7 , except for the "taboo" combinations mentioned earlier. With the crystal operating, the plate currents of these two tubes will not differ greatly from the no-excitation values (the buffer current is around 25 ma.) although they show the usual resonance dips. The one exception is the buffer current on 7 Mc., which is in the vicinity of 10 to 15 ma. in normal operation.

On all bands the resonance setting of C_7 is in the low-capacitance third of the scale. A 50- μ fd. condenser can be used instead of the 140- μ fd. unit shown.

For c.w. operation of the 6146 a grid current of 2.5 to 3 ma. (through the 27,000-ohm grid leak) is sufficient for maximum output at full ratings. In our experience with plate-and-screen modulation a somewhat lower value of grid current—slightly under 2 ma.—gave best linearity at 100 per cent modulation, using the maximum ICAS 'phone ratings.

Those who are used to the 807 will find that the 6146 has considerably different operating characteristics with respect to plate-current behavior. When an 807 is used with a screen-dropping resistor the off-resonance plate current does not rise a great deal above the normal operating value of 100 ma. Tuning off resonance with the 6146 will send a 250-ma. meter off scale, if the grid excitation is normal, so a little more care must be used to keep the plate circuit resonated. The proper tuning procedure is to adjust C_4 and C_7 for a grid current of about 3 ma., with the 6146 plate and screen voltages off, and then set C_{13} at maximum before applying plate and screen voltage. With power on, swing C_{12} rapidly to find the plate-current dip. Then decrease the capacitance of C_{13} gradually, keeping C_{12} at the plate-current dip with each change, until the plate current approaches the rated value. Check the grid current at this point and if necessary readjust C_7 to bring it back to 3 ma., and then make the final adjustments to the plate circuit for the desired plate current. The tube works just as efficiently at 30 Mc. as it does at 3.5, and the measured output of the transmitter is about 65 watts on all bands at the 90-watt input rating.

A coax connector is provided for VFO input, and when a VFO is used the oscillator cathode should be shorted to ground for r.f., by means of S_1 . The VFO should be of the type having a length of coax as part of its tuned output plate tank circuit, and the VFO output frequency should be in the 3.5-Mc. band.

Harmonic Radiation

Although the harmonic radiation in the TV bands from the transmitter itself and the external

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Refiling of messages not received over military circuits involves a reprocessing of the message headings. Since it is desirable that this refile procedure be standardized throughout MARS and also that it conform to Joint Army, Navy Air Force Publication (JANAP), the Chiefs, MARS, have developed and authorized the following conversion processes:

MARS Form

A6USA DE WAR NR 7
NM 102213Z
FM WAR WASHDC (CITY, APO, OR OTHER GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR)
TO JAMES SMITH 813 BROWN STREET ALEXANDER CALIF
GR 6 BT
WILL BE HOME EASTER SIGNED GINNY BT

MARS to Amateur Form

W6PQB DE W6USA
NR7 K4USA CK6/4 WASHDC 5R13P FEB 10
TO JAMES SMITH
813 BROWN ST.
ALEXANDER CALIF BT
WILL BE HOME EASTER BT SIGNED GINNY

It will be noted that the amateur call letters of the originating station have been substituted for the military call sign, the time has been converted from Greenwich Civil Time to the appropriate zone time (in this case Eastern Standard Time) and the signature has been detached from the text. The converted group count therefore will be the count of the original message text decreased by the signature and associated word(s). This count is shown followed by the slant sign (/) and the group count of the original message.

Amateur to MARS

An example of authorized refile from amateur circuits to MARS channels follows:

A9USA DE WAR NR12
ZOF STLOUISMO
NM — 170030Z
FM WAR WASHDC
GRNC BT
NR 2 W6FOO CK5 TARFU CALIF 6P MAY 16
TO JOHN DOE 1801 GREEN ST EAST ST LOUIS ILL
BT
DEAR JOHN I MISS YOU BT MABEL BT

Beginning with the preamble the original transmission becomes the text of the refiled message; the signature also becomes part of the text although the long break (BT) is retained. ZOF is a military procedure signal meaning "Relay (or pass) to ———." The new date time group indicates the time the message was refiled and the "from" line shows the station which introduced the nonmilitary message into the MARS channel. A MARS service message would refer to WAR's number 12 dtg 170030Z.

In the event that A9USA or a subsequent MARS station finds it expedient to reconvert the message back to amateur form for relay to East St. Louis all reference to military handling would be deleted. Example:

W9LJL DE W9USA
NR2 W6FOO CK5 TARFU CALIF 6P MAY 16
TO JOHN DOE 1801 GREEN ST EAST ST LOUIS ILL
BT
DEAR JOHN I MISS YOU BT MABEL

FEED-BACK

In the caption for the circuit diagram of the Novice amplifier, January 1952 *QST*, Fig. 1, page 26, the values for RFC_1 and RFC_2 are missing. Both are 2.5 mh. RFC_1 is a National R50, RFC_2 a Millen type 34101.

A Radio-Control System for Models

Proportional Control for Precision Maneuvers

BY HARRY W. LAWSON, JR.,* W2TTZ

THE author's interest in radio control, which is fairly recent, stems from the helpless feeling experienced while watching a friend's free-flight model plane meet the inevitable. The control system to be described here was designed in an effort to improve on the simple on-off control with a minimum of complexity. It is a first model and improvements are in order, particularly in the matter of weight. A complete tally, including batteries, for a two-channel two-control unit for model plane use, resulted in a weight of 33 ounces. Although not prohibitive, it can and should be trimmed down considerably.

At present this system is installed in the four-foot two-masted sailing schooner shown in the photograph. Since weight was no problem here, wet cells and a small vibrator supply were used. Some of the mechanical linkages are still in the process of development, since machine tool facilities are lacking at present. Two channels are used, providing full control of rudder and sails independently. An auxiliary motor is also provided and operated by a limit switch on the sail control mechanism. Two quarter-wave 6-meter vertical antennas are provided by the mainmast sidestays.

Circuit

The basis for this control system, which gives "proportional" control in contrast to the "sequential" or simple "neutral-right-neutral-left-

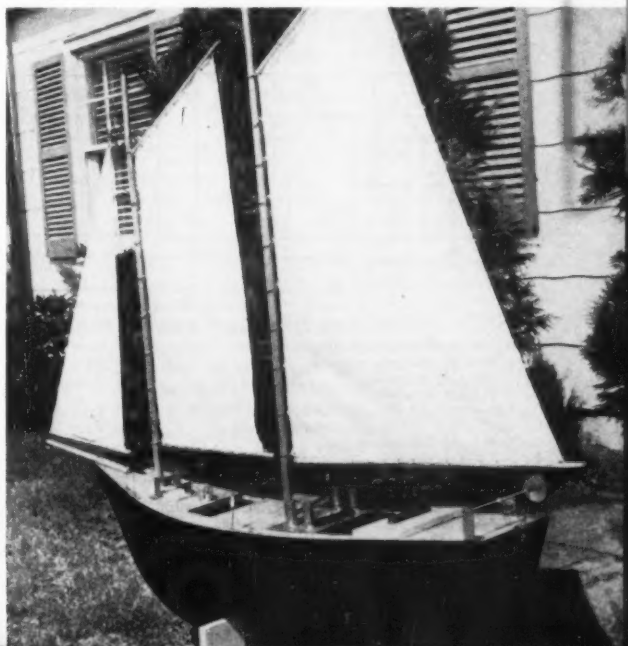
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neutral" of an escapement system, is a square-wave signal. When the positive peak has the same duration as the negative peak, the control is in the neutral position — longer positive time than negative time moves the control in one direction, depending upon the ratio of the two times, and vice versa. The amount of movement is dependent only upon the ratio of the times and not of the signal strength.

The system can best be illustrated by the simplified diagram of Fig. 1A. With a square wave coming in, condensers C_1 and C_2 charge to equal voltages, and the net voltage to ground is 0 at the center of R_1 . If the value of R_2 is adjusted so that the current from B_1 through R_{y1} is just equal to the current from B_2 through the relay and tube, the net pull of the relay will be zero. Thus the relay will not make contact.

When the ratio of the incoming signal is changed, as in Fig. 1B, C_1 and C_2 will not charge equally. In the case shown, C_1 will charge to a higher value than C_2 . The point on R_1 where the net voltage to ground is 0 will now be somewhere toward C_2 , and if the arm is in the center of R_1 , the grid of the tube will be positive with respect to ground. The plate current from B_2 will exceed the steady current from B_1 , and the relay armature will be pulled down as shown. Closing the contact energizes the motor and it turns the control surface and the arm of R_1 , driving the arm down toward the C_2 end. When the arm reaches the point on R_1 where the voltage to

The radio-control system of W2TTZ is used to operate the rudder and sails of this four-foot two-masted sailing schooner. Full proportional control is obtained, permitting setting to any desired position.



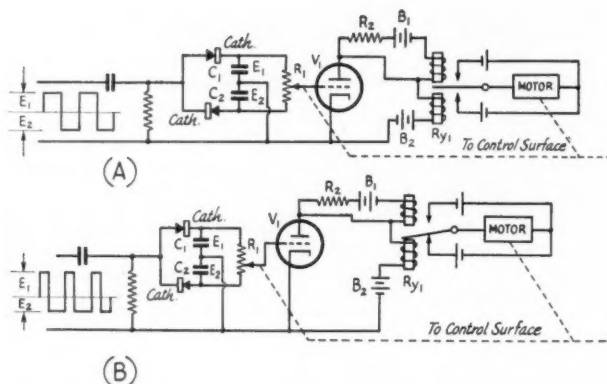


Fig. 1 — The basic diagram of the control system. With a symmetrical square-wave signal applied, the motor is not energized, as shown at A. When the signal is varied (as in B, for example) the control tube, V_1 , allows one relay to close and energize the motor until it has driven R_1 (and also the controlled surface) to a new position that depends upon the shape of the signal.

ground is 0, the relay will open and the motor will stop. The control surface and the arm of R_1 will now remain in this position until the shape of the input signal is changed.

It is obvious, of course, that if the square-wave signal had been modified in the opposite direction, the current from B_1 would exceed that from B_2 and the relay armature would be pulled up. The motor would then rotate in the opposite direction until the arm of R_1 reached the point on the resistor where the voltage to ground was 0.

The setting the motor drives the arm of R_1 to depends only upon the *shape* of the signal and not its amplitude, and accurate and resettable control is obtained at the model by controlling the signal shape at the transmitter. In the practical circuit, audio-stage limiting on strong signals helps to keep the peak-to-peak voltage constant,

and weak signals show up only as reduced error sensitivity rather than lack of control. The sensitivity of the system can be defined as the number of discrete positions of the controlled surface, and an ideal system would have an infinite number and hence be perfectly smooth. This particular system, as built and used, is capable of approximately 20 positions between each extreme position.

The Receiver

The complete circuit diagram of the receiver is shown in Fig. 2. A triode-connected 1U4 is used in the superregenerative-detector circuit, followed by a 1U4 audio amplifier. The output of the audio amplifier is applied to the pulse-width discriminator, where 1N34 germanium crystals are used for the rectifiers. The signal from the

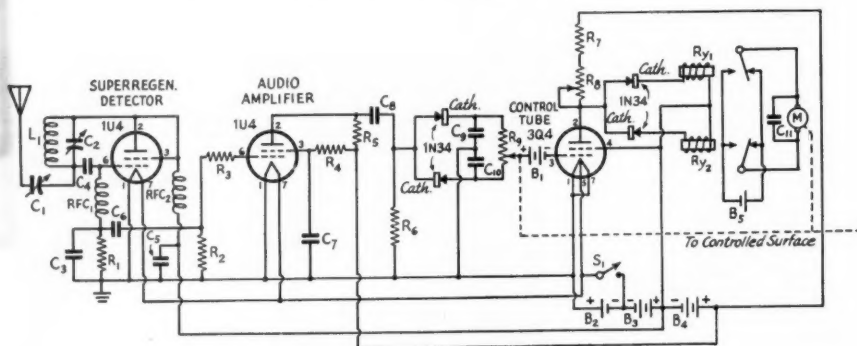


Fig. 2 — Wiring diagram of the 50-Mc. radio-control receiver.

- C_1 — 7-45 μ fd. ceramic trimmer.
- C_2 — 50- μ fd. midget variable.
- C_3 — 150- μ fd. ceramic.
- C_4 — 47- μ fd. ceramic.
- C_5, C_6 — 0.01- μ fd. disk ceramic.
- C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{10} — 0.25- μ fd. 200-volt paper.
- C_{11} — 0.1- μ fd. 200-volt paper.
- R_1 — 0.47 megohm.
- R_2 — 10 megohms.
- R_3 — 0.1 megohm.
- R_4 — 2.2 megohms.
- R_5, R_6 — 1 megohm.

- R_7 — 10,000 ohms.
- R_8 — 10,000-ohm miniature potentiometer.
- R_9 — 1-megohm linear potentiometer, midget. All resistors $\frac{1}{2}$ watt unless otherwise specified.
- L_1 — 6 turns No. 12, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., 1 inch long.
- B_1 — 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ volts (5 Mallory bias cells in series).
- B_2, B_5 — 1.5-volt flashlight cell.
- B_3, B_4 — 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ -volt miniature B battery.
- M — Supermite motor. See text.
- RFC₁, RFC₂ — 10- μ h. r.f. choke.
- R_{Y1}, R_{Y2} — 8000-ohm sensitive relay (Sigma 4F).
- S_1 — Toggle switch.

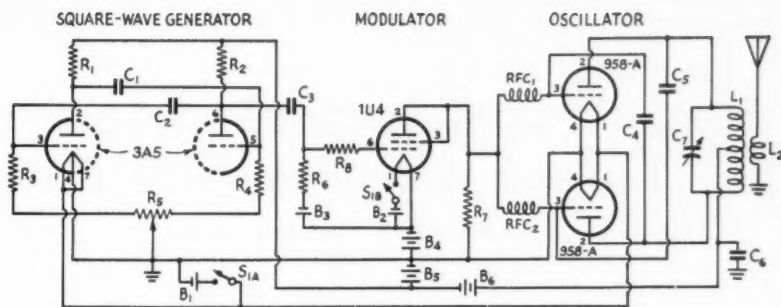


Fig. 3 — Wiring diagram of the 50-Mc. radio-control transmitter.

C_1, C_2 — 0.001- μ fd. mica.
 C_3 — 0.25- μ fd. 400-volt paper.
 C_4, C_5 — 47- μ fd. ceramic.
 C_6 — 0.01- μ fd. disk ceramic.
 C_7 — 50- μ fd. midjet variable.
 R_1, R_2 — 22,000 ohms.
 R_3, R_4 — 0.1 megohm.
 R_5 — 1-megohm linear potentiometer.
 R_8 — 1 megohm.

R_7 — 22,000 ohms.
 R_8 — 0.1 megohm.
 L_1 — 6 turns No. 12, $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch diam., 1 inch long.
 L_2 — 2-turn loop on center of L_1 .
 B_1, B_2 — $1\frac{1}{2}$ volts.
 B_3 — 6 volts.
 B_4, B_5, B_6 — $67\frac{1}{2}$ volts.
 RFC_1, RFC_2 — 10- μ h. r.f. choke.
 S_1 — D.p.s.t. toggle.

discriminator is fed to a 3Q4 control tube. For want of a good polarized relay, two sensitive non-polarized relays are used in the plate circuit.¹ These relays are fed through 1N34 crystals to provide polarization. Although the two relays are a little on the heavy side, their use permits the use of only one motor-drive battery. As shown, approximately 0.3-volt differential is required at the grid of the 3Q4 for relay operation.

Motive power for the controlled functions is furnished by miniature permanent-magnet field electric motors.² These motors are excellent for model work, since they weigh only $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. Gearing may be something of a problem, although a lead-screw movement is satisfactory. Since the duty cycle of the motor batteries in this system is quite low compared with pulsed electromechanical systems, longer battery life can be expected.

Transmitter

The transmitter diagram is shown in Fig. 3. Two 958-As are used in the push-pull Hartley circuit and, in our particular set-up, they feed into a quarter-wave vertical antenna. These low-powered tubes are satisfactory for ship-model control, but it might be necessary to use more power when controlling a model aeroplane. The modulator consists of a 3A5 multivibrator to generate the square waves, and this signal is used to grid-modulate the oscillator. A triode-connected 1U4 is used as the modulator. To simplify connections and give good response, the 1U4 modulator is direct-coupled to the oscillator.

¹ Small polarized relays are both expensive and scarce. Some are available, manufactured by Sigma, Carpenter (British) and Barber-Coleman. The Barber-Coleman Micro-positioner has good vibration characteristics, since it was designed for aircraft-control use. Its sensitivity can be increased to below the 100-watt level, depending upon the vibration-stability requirements.

² The "Supermite," made by Motoys, Inc., 11 West 42nd St., New York 18, N. Y.

This requires separate batteries B_2 and B_4 for the modulator. The linear potentiometer, R_5 , varies the shape of the signal and thus controls the position of the controlled surface on the model.

Operation

The construction of the receiver and transmitter is best left up to the individual, since it will vary with the application (aircraft or boat) and with the parts on hand. Shock mounting of the receiver, whether by rubber-band suspension or other means, is quite important in any flying or gas-powered model. Proper connection of R_9 in the receiver will be obvious when the system is given a dry run, since the motor rotation should be in the direction to reduce the voltage between ground and the arm of R_9 .

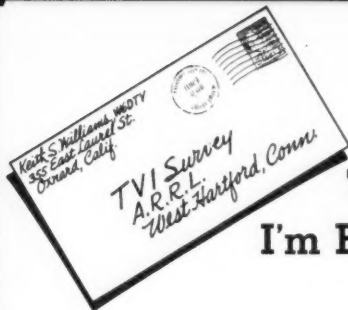
To adjust the receiver, apply the voltages and adjust R_9 until both relays are open. Optimum control-tube and relay operation is characterized by equal minimum grid differential voltages in either direction (positive or negative) to operate the relays. To obtain this setting, use a 1.5-volt battery, a potentiometer and a reversing switch from the arm of R_9 to ground. Make fine adjustments on R_9 , the relay spring tensions and contact spacings, until the relays close with equal voltages. Closing with 0.5 volt is the maximum permissible voltage — closing with 0.1 volt represents excellent performance.

The receiver is adjusted for normal super-regenerative operation, tuning the signal with C_2 and adjusting C_1 for best sensitivity.

In marine use, good operation at $\frac{1}{4}$ mile can be expected with this equipment. Model plane operation would entail use of a better (and horizontally-polarized) antenna and higher power, to offset the blind spots more apt to be encountered.

One question will be immediately apparent to the model plane fan — what happens during loss

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TVI Went Thattaway! or I'm Back in the Hamshack Again

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AFTER reading the editorial in October *QST* I decided to write something concerning the TVI situation at this QTH. My operation has been confined to 80- and 40-meter c.w. and 75-meter 'phone. Those are my favorite bands. Therefore, my TVI has been of the 80/40 variety; however, some of my procedures and methods may be as effective for 20/10 as they have been for the lower-frequency bands.

The local TV picture: Oxnard is located on the beach approximately 50 miles due west of Los Angeles. We are approximately 60 miles from the L.A. TV transmitters, with seven TV channels being received here. They are Channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13. Incidentally, there is a range of mountains between us and the L.A. stations. The Channel 8 station, which is also received (on a now-and-then basis), is in San Diego, about 150 miles away. Average signal strength here for the seven L.A. stations is 150 microvolts-per-meter, with Channel 5 the strongest and Channels 2 and 7 the weakest. In the absence of interference, good pictures are the rule on all channels. Most antennas are of the stacked-array variety, Vee-cones, Yagis, Arrows, etc. Very few people use boosters. TV set population is heavy. In this town of 30,000 I would estimate 70 per cent of the homes have TV. With the exception of Channel 8 (San Diego), all TV stations are at one location, so that one antenna array, pointed toward Mount Wilson, suffices for all channels.

My experience with TVI dates from the summer of 1948, when the first TV owner pounded on my front door to horrify me with the announcement that my brass pounding was knocking out his pictures. At that time the TVI problem had me flabbergasted, and I considered suicide as the only solution. Since then, however, I have built and rebuilt and rebuilt some more and have arrived at some highly satisfactory solutions. During the last year my TVI problem has been practically nonexistent, although I am surrounded by a forest of TV antennas and have one of my own.

Many fellows still think that 80- and 40-meter rigs cause no appreciable TVI. How wrong can you be, I ask? The old-style 80/40 rig can murder TV in very fine style. Some of the gang would be amazed at their harmonic strength in the TV channels from the old 807 rig on 80-meter

c.w. Of course, in a primary TV service area the problem would be considerably reduced, but in this fringe-fringe area it doesn't take much of a harmonic to wreck a TV channel, where the TV signal strength may be on the order of 25 microvolts.

The following items have been found necessary in order to be able to check in on a traffic net in the middle of the evening:

1) Shielding. This is of primary importance. The rig must be completely enclosed. Chassis must have a solid bottom cover. Use solid shielding on all stages except those in which a great



deal of heat is liberated. Shielding for an 813, for instance, may be fine-mesh copper screen. Contrary to popular belief, transmitter stages can be run totally enclosed in many cases, with no ventilation. As an experiment, I enclosed an 807 driver with solid shield . . . no openings at all, no ventilation. The shield enclosure was just large enough to enclose the 807 tube and its tank coil. The tube ran at 700 volts and 90 ma. and, needless to say, the shield box was a miniature bake oven. The same 807 operated continuously for over a year at my shack with no troubles, and it is still in use at W6HJV and going strong.

2) Filtering. Very important for all leads leaving the shield enclosures. The ideal situation is to have as few leads leaving the shield as possible. This means mounting power supplies on the same chassis with the stages they operate. Key leads, microphone leads, meter leads, etc., should be filtered where they leave the unit. Effective filters here consist of 30 turns of No. 22 enamel, close-wound (air), in series with the lead, by-passed to chassis at each end with midget 500- μ fd. mica¹ condensers. For high voltages, those TV

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¹ The new ceramic disk-type condensers are also excellent for high-frequency by-passing. See Grammer, "By-Passing for Harmonic Reduction," *QST*, April, 1951. — Ed.

high-voltage filter condensers make nice by-passes. Naturally, in all cases the filters must be inside the shielding and not in an r.f. field. For 80 and 40 meters the main 110-volt power lead only needs a line filter. It doesn't seem necessary

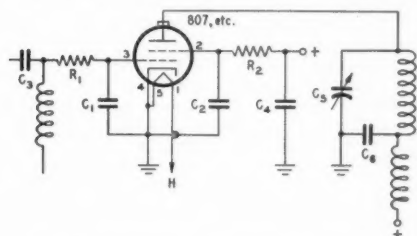


Fig. 1 — Recommended treatment of a tetrode stage. All grounds are one point on the chassis, as close as possible to the cathode pin.

C₁, C₂ — 5- or 10- μ fd. disk ceramic.

C₃ — Normal grid-coupling condenser.

C₄ — Normal screen by-pass condenser.

R₁, R₂ — 47-ohm composition resistor. $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt rating for 807s and smaller tubes.

C₅ — Plate-tank tuning condenser, grounded as described in text.

C₆ — 0.002- μ fd. mica.

to filter each power supply lead inside the chassis.²

3) External leads should be shielded. Coax cable with appropriate fittings makes good keying leads between rig and key. Two-conductor shielded wire makes good meter leads. Not wishing to go to the trouble of shielding meters, I have found it very effective to mount meters in the open on a separate panel and plug them into appropriate circuits by means of plugs and jacks. The jacks are filtered inside the shielding. While shielded meter leads are to be preferred, I have found that in most cases unshielded leads can

² Particularly if all of the wiring is done with by-passed shielded wire, as described in the reference in Footnote 1. — Ed.

³ But give some consideration to the path the harmonics take in getting back to the cathode. In many cases the condenser should be insulated from the chassis and the rotor returned to the underside of the chassis by a heavy lead running through a hole in the chassis. This permits returning the condenser directly to the cathode. See Goodman, "How To Build a Transmitter," QST, Dec., 1951. — Ed.

be used providing the meter jacks are filtered. While it's nice to have continuous meter indications, it isn't really necessary, and once the rig is tuned up the meters can be unplugged if there is evidence of harmonic radiation from the meter leads or meters. I have never found it necessary to unplug the meters, however, even when using unshielded leads.

4) Cathodes should be grounded to the chassis as directly as possible, using heavy conductor. There are other ways of keying a rig or obtaining bias without making use of the cathodes, and it has been my experience that harmonic troubles can be considerably increased by even short cathode keying leads or the use of cathode bias. The ideal situation for 80 and 40 is to use a beam power tube in the final, driven as lightly as possible by very low-power exciter stages, with the cathodes of all stages strapped directly to the chassis. The oscillator and driver stages can be keyed in the plate-screen lead and the final stage uses a clamp-tube VR-tube screen control.

5) Control-grid, screen-grid by-passing to cathode: All control grids and all screen grids should be by-passed directly to cathode right across the tube socket, using 5- to 10- μ fd. ceramic condensers. This is in addition to normal by-passing. See Fig. 1.

6) All screen-grid tubes should have low-resistance suppressors right at the control-grid and screen-grid socket pins, ahead of all other circuit components except the by-passes mentioned in Item 5. Forty-seven ohm $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt carbon resistors are very satisfactory.

7) Wherever possible, the frame and rotor of plate tank condensers should be directly grounded to the chassis, and the tube plate connected to the hot end of the tank through a short, heavy conductor. A convenient and effective way of managing this is shown in Fig. 1. For higher-powered stages, a vacuum condenser directly from plate to cathode is good; however, in most cases, the grounded-rotor plate tank circuit is effective in by-passing harmonics that may appear in the plate circuit.³

8) Tuned harmonic traps in plate circuit should be avoided, at least on 80 and 40. It has been my experience that, while a trap may be

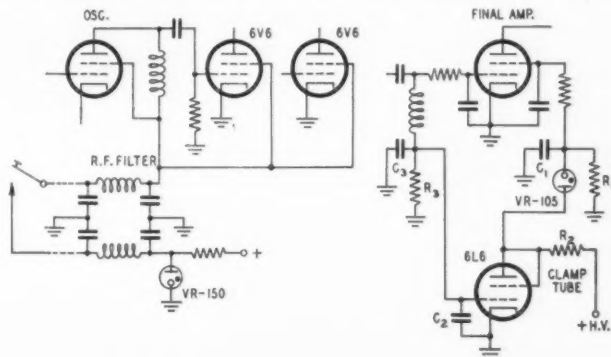
Fig. 2 — Keying circuit used at W6DTY.

C₁ — Normal screen by-pass condenser.

C₂, C₃ — 100 μ fd.

R₁ — 0.47 megohm.

R₂ — Screen-dropping resistor.





tuned to reduce harmonic trouble on one TV channel, it may increase harmonic trouble on another channel at the same time.

9) Use a separate antenna tuner, and couple it to the rig by means of link coils and coax link line. The antenna tuner should be built on a metal chassis of fair dimensions, and regular coax fittings should be used for the link line. On 80 and 40 I have not found it necessary to shield the antenna tuner, although it probably wouldn't hurt a thing to do so.

10) Eliminate key clicks. This is important, as severe TVI can be caused by clicks. And just because you have no audible clicks on the broadcast band, don't assume you have no clicks at TV frequencies. By far the most effective method for eliminating key clicks is to key the oscillator or other low-power stage in the plate or screen circuit and use a clamp-tube/VR-tube combination on the final screen circuit, as shown in Fig. 2. Using this method you can dispense with the old key-click filters, making for cleaner keying all the way around, and you won't have clicks, even smack alongside your sigs on 80 or 40.

11) Do not use triodes in the rig. They require too much drive. Use a beam-power final and drive it as lightly as possible consistent with reasonable output. Use an excitation control somewhere in the driver section. A wire-wound potentiometer in a driver-tube screen is very fine business; adjust excitation to the final for normal output to the antenna *but no more!* Do not reduce excitation by detuning a driver stage off resonance. A detuned r.f. amplifier can sometimes produce ruinous harmonics in the TV channels. Keep everything tuned on the nose. Granted this may make for a lot of knob twirling as you scoot around the band, but it can help materially to keep you off the Milton Berle show.

12) Use shielded internal wiring in the rig, bonding the shield to the chassis at frequent intervals.⁴

13) Use large *C* to *L* ratios in tank circuits. At an early stage of the game (TVI-wise), I had an unshielded crystal oscillator operating on 40 meters, driving an exciter and push-pull 812

⁴ Here, and also under Item 3, the shielding should not need to be extended beyond the transmitter proper if the leads have been adequately filtered and by-passed. It may help in many cases, but only because the job wasn't done properly in the first place. — Ed.

final. Harmonics in the TV and f.m. bands were fearful to behold. I was amazed at the reduction in harmonic strength that resulted from peeling turns from the crystal-oscillator plate coil and running the tuning condenser farther in. The same thing was done on all subsequent stages, and the harmonics were further reduced, some disappearing altogether.

14) If a power supply external to an r.f. chassis is used, the interconnecting leads should be completely shielded. This means using multi-conductor shielded cable, with fittings at the ends that will maintain the shielding.⁴

All the above may sound like a lot of labor . . . and it is if you're trying to fix up an existing rig. But if you're building a new rig from scratch, it's no more difficult than building a rig without TVI precautions, and it sure pays off. Using the above methods, the only TVI I have had is that caused by front-end overload at the TV set due to my fundamental. This has only occurred on two or three TV sets, very, very close to my station, and is easily cured by using a high-pass filter at the TV set. My nearest neighbor, with his TV antenna 25 feet from my 40-meter dipole, doesn't know when I'm on the air . . . and he does *not* have a high-pass filter.

P.S.: None of this dope is new. It has all appeared, in one form or another, in *QST*. But notice — my TVI has been knocked off *at my transmitter* — not at the TV receivers!

Strays

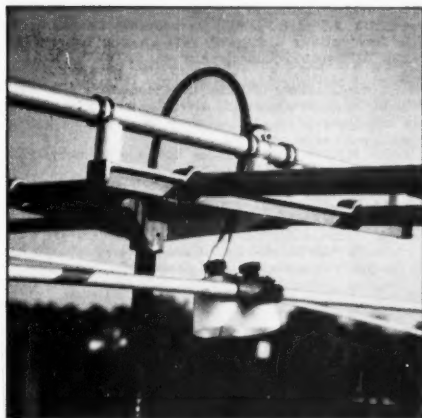


Dick Hauff, W3SCY, who earned his license at the age of ten, made a most unusual entry into the ranks of on-the-air amateurs. He was originally assigned the call W3RVU. Trying his hand at 40 c.w., Dick had several contacts and then was dismayed to work a station who also signed W3RVU! The "other" W3RVU turned out to be YL Verna Resch of Temple, Pa., and both ends of this contact assured the other that each had really been issued the call sign. A hurried letter to FCC brought quick results: a duplication had been made and Verna, being the first licensed, was allowed to retain her W3RVU while Dick was given W3SCY. The young gentleman is a sixth-grade pupil in Trappe, Pa., and also a Cub Scout. His mother is W3INL and dad is well known as W3GHS.

Simplified Adjustment of the T and Gamma Matches

Getting a Low S.W.R. by Reactance Cancellation

BY FREDERICK Q. GEMMILL,* W2VLQ



The variable condensers are mounted in plastic drinking cups to protect them from the weather. Metal straps mount the assemblies to the ends of the T bars.

SOME time ago the writer put up a commercial 3-element close-spaced 20-meter beam using 95-ohm Twinax line to drive the T match. No combination of T-section lengths could be found which would match, and no combination of director, antenna or reflector lengths improved the situation beyond an s.w.r. of about 3 to 1. While it is entirely possible that the right combination happened to be missed, walking up and down the roof adjusting antenna elements lengths is not to be indulged in unnecessarily.

A study of the articles on impedance matching that have appeared in *QST* from time to time suggested that tuning out the residual reactance at the T match might help matters. With the s.w.r. meter inserted between the transmission line and the antenna, and with tuning capacitors in series with each terminal of the T match, only a few minutes were required to adjust the T-match bars to a 95-ohm load with an s.w.r. of less than 1.1 to 1.

The writer later had a chance to check W0STC's 10-meter 3-element beam, which uses a Gamma match. Here again it was found that a variable capacitor would tune out the inductive reactance of the matching section, reducing the s.w.r. from a previous minimum of 4 or 5 to 1 to less than 1.1 to 1. Considerable improvement in performance resulted, and the strength of the field about the matching section was noticeably

greater, as measured with a one-turn loop and flashlight bulb field-strength indicator.

The capacitors used to tune out the residual inductive reactance in the balanced T match at W2VLQ were midjet variables having a capacitance of 140 μfd . Greater plate spacing probably would be required for high power, but there have been no arc-overs with 160 watts input. Weather-proofing was solved by mounting the condensers in plastic drinking cups, as shown in the photograph. The bottom surface was drilled for the condenser shaft, and two metal washers were used to get a watertight seal around the shaft bushing. An extra nut was used inside the cup to make a suitable surface for tightening. A heavy copper strap fastened under the outside shaft-bushing nut was used to attach the assembly to the T match, mounting it so that the condenser shaft is vertical. The tuning knob keeps water off the shaft and the end of the shaft bushing. The cup sheds water, although the bottom is open to the weather.

A Convenient Maxwell Bridge

In making adjustments as described an s.w.r. bridge is indispensable, and the Maxwell bridge circuit shown in Fig. 2 has been found to be especially convenient since it is only necessary to throw a switch to change the direction of power flow through the bridge. The addition of R_2 makes the bridge a symmetrical device for either position of the switch S_1 . R_1 and R_2 must

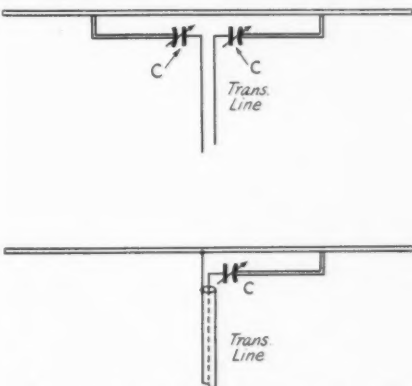


Fig. 1—Using variable condensers to tune out inductive reactance inherent in the T match (above) and Gamma match. Condenser C should have a maximum capacitance of about 140 μfd . for use at either 14 or 28 Mc.

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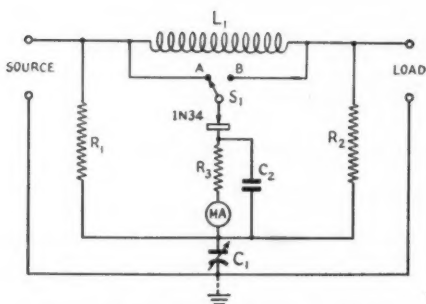


Fig. 2 — Maxwell bridge with reversing switch. This arrangement eliminates the necessity for interchanging the source and load terminals when using the bridge for obtaining a null indication when making adjustments to matching sections.

- C_1 — 140- μ fd. variable.
- C_2 — 500- μ fd. mica.
- R_1, R_2 — 120 ohms, 1-watt carbon.
- R_3 — 2700 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt carbon.
- L_1 — 14 turns No. 20, diameter $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, length $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (B & W Miniductor No. 3003).
- MA — 0-1 milliammeter.

be equal, and the capacitance of S_1 must be small so as not to disturb the bridge balance. The capacitance of the milliammeter to ground is in parallel with the adjustable capacitor C_1 and hence reduces the high-impedance limit at which balance can be obtained. A load-impedance range of 39 ohms to 250 ohms is obtained with the constants given in Fig. 2.

While the addition of R_2 reduces the sensitivity to unbalance, it in no way affects the actual balance position. With S_1 in position A, the source voltage is adjusted for a full-scale reading of 100 divisions. On switching to position B, the meter will read less than one division when the bridge is balanced for a given load resistance. The meter deflection with S_1 in position A is proportional to the source voltage and the deflection with S_1 in position B is proportional to the reflected wave. Unfortunately, there is a voltage drop across L_1 so that the transmitted wave on the transmission line is less than the source voltage. As a result, this bridge will not read true s.w.r. without applying a correction factor, but from a practical point of view this limitation is not significant since a null indication is sufficient for obtaining the proper matching adjustments.

In the construction of such a bridge the usual precautions should be taken with respect to stray capacitances and to avoid coupling between the rectifier circuit and the other parts of the bridge carrying r.f. current. The writer used a sloping-panel meter case which, although not overburdened with excess room inside, was the most convenient ready-made chassis shape available. The variable capacitor is mounted on the top surface above the milliammeter, the input and output terminals are at the sides, and the switch is on the front, just below the milliammeter. The meter itself is on the sloping front, but is mounted on $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch spacers to make more room inside and to reduce its capacitance to the case.



U. S. N. R.



The salty ham call W3SEA is assigned to a Naval Reservist (W. F. Eglit of Ridley Park, Penna.), while W2GOB is held by a former Navy radioman (Roy Butler of Fair Lawn, N. J.).

A group of radio amateurs whose active military service assignments are concerned with the Naval Reserve Electronics Program hold an informal ham get-together on 7 Mc. at 2200 EST each Friday. The frequency 7250 kc. is the center of activity, with the gang spreading out between 7225 and 7275 kc. for individual rag chews.

A recent survey indicates that more than 1500 radio amateurs are members of the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve. In addition, there are 509 amateur radio stations at activities of the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve. These stations have the distinctive "K" calls (K1NRA, K8NAA, K6NR, etc.).

An SCR-299 mobile communication van was in operation on the amateur bands, both 'phone and c.w., at the 1951 New Mexico State Fair held at Albuquerque. Over 600 messages were handled for visitors to the week-long affair. The van was moved to the Fair site from Naval Reserve Training Center, El Paso, Texas (K5NRE). That activity cooperated with personnel of Naval Reserve Training Center, Albuquerque (K5NRX), in making the exhibit a success.



During the recent South Dakota Hamfest, James W. Fowley, W0CRY, was presented with the Armed Forces Communications Association medal for his many years of meritorious activity in communications work. Lieut. William Spanke, USA, W9CQU, made the presentation — the first time an amateur has received the award. For many years a member of the Naval Reserve, W0CRY is now associated with Organized Surface Division 9-208 at Naval Reserve Training Center, Sioux Falls (K0NRU). (Photo courtesy W0HSH)

SWITCH TO SAFETY!



A Battery-Operated 2-Meter Portable Station

A Versatile Transmitter-Receiver for Portable or Mobile Service

BY LAURENCE LEPAGE,* W3QCV

IN contemplation of a motor trip through New England last summer, the writer developed a strong desire to take along a small portable rig operating on 2 meters, his favorite band. This idea also had Civil Defense aspects, and the little rig about to be described appears to have great potential in this application. Operation is possible on dry batteries, a vibrator supply in the car, or a combination of a vibrator supply and small non-spillable batteries, carried as a separate unit.

Believing that special circuits aimed at extreme light weight and low drain would be a source of trouble, the rig was designed along conventional lines, except that everything was handled in miniature. The general appearance is shown in the photographs. Housekeeping had to be very neat and compact. Everything is mounted on the U-shaped front of a Hammerloid-finish box (Bud CU-2110), measuring 10 by 6 by 3 inches.

Both transmitter and receiver are built on miniature aluminum chassis (Bud CB-1628) measuring 3 by $6\frac{1}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. This is an open-ended chassis from which approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch was removed from the length dimension to fit inside the box. In the photographs showing the back removed, the transmitter chassis is at the bottom, the receiver above it. The modulator is on a cut-down chassis approximately 3 inches square, mounted on in the upper left corner.

Transmitter Circuit Details

All tubes are $1\frac{1}{2}$ -volt filament-type miniatures or acorns. The oscillator uses one half of a 3A5 dual triode, working on the third overtone of an 8-Mc. crystal.¹ It was decided to avoid a 48-Mc. stage, a potential source of TVI trouble on Channel 10 in the Philadelphia area, so the second stage triples to 72 Mc. It was felt that an audio pentode like the 3A4 might not work well at 144 Mc., so it was used as the tripler to 72 Mc., coupling capacitively back to the second half of the first 3A5 for doubling to 144 Mc. A very low-powered rig could stop right there, but we added a 3A5 operating as a neutralized push-pull amplifier on 144 Mc. While the book says that this tube is good only up to 40 Mc., it appears to perform admirably and without apparent loss of life expectancy.

It will be noted from the circuit diagram that each stage has a metering point for initial

• The usefulness of a low-powered 2-meter station is greatly enhanced if the rig is designed so that it may be carried to spots that are inaccessible by car. The little rig described here by W3QCV can be operated from dry batteries, a vibrator supply for mobile operation, or a separate wet-battery portable kit.

tune-up. In the operating set-up of the complete rig only the driver and final stages are metered, being connected to an 0-1 milliammeter with a selector switch. Because of the space problem the temptation to use one of the new miniature meters was great, but their sensitivity is poor. It was therefore decided to use a good 2-inch meter, so that careful tuning of the transmitter would always be possible. This is important if the most is to be had out of so small a rig. With 150 to 180 volts on the plates the final delivers enough power to burn out a 2-volt 60-ma. pilot lamp, connected to the antenna coil through the coaxial fitting, if it is left on for extended periods.

Modulator

The modulator uses a carbon microphone and a 6-volt battery, coupled through a miniature transformer to the grid of a 1S4 speech amplifier, transformer coupled to a pair of 3Q4s as push-pull modulators. A temptation to simplify this



Transmitter and receiver of the W3QCV portable are housed in a box only 10 by 6 by 3 inches in size.

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¹ Tilton, "Overtone Crystal Oscillator Circuits," *QST*, April, 1951, p. 56.

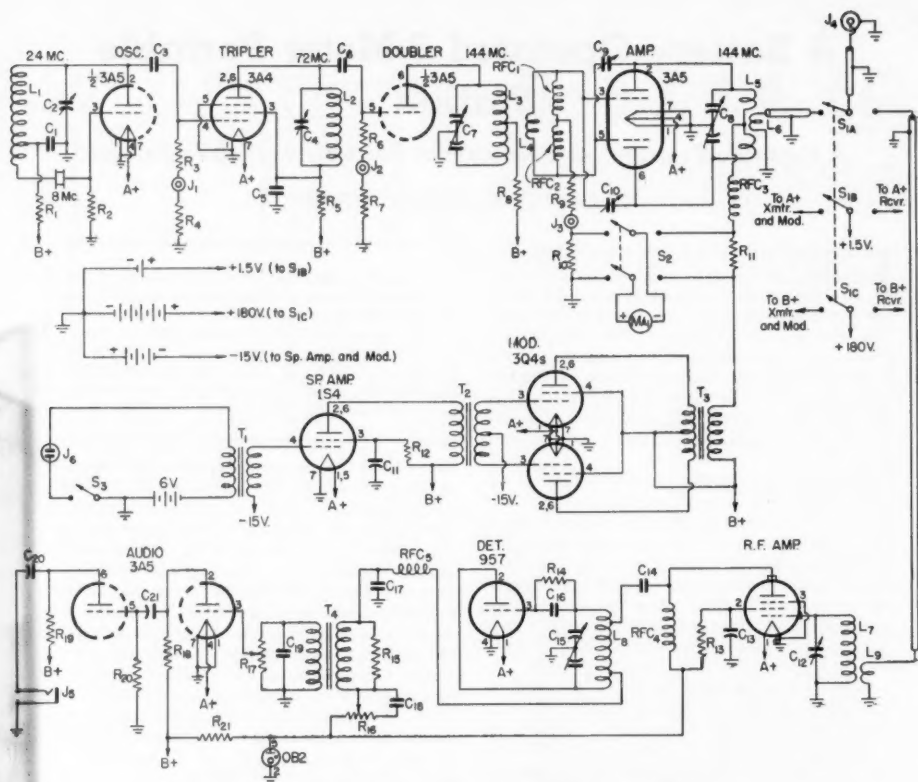


Fig. 1—Schematic diagram and parts list for the 2-meter portable station.

- C₁ — 470- μ fd. mica.
 C₂, C₄, C₁₂ — 50- μ fd. mica trimmer.
 C₃ — 22- μ fd. ceramic.
 C₅, C₁₉ — 0.001- μ fd. mica.
 C₆, C₁₄, C₁₆ — 50- μ fd. ceramic or mica.
 C₇ — Miniature butterfly variable, 2.5-7 μ fd. (Johnson 9MB11) with one stator and one rotor plate removed.
 C₈ — Miniature butterfly variable, 2.7-8.75 μ fd. (Johnson 9MB11).
 C₉, C₁₀ — Neutralizing capacitors, 2-7 μ fd.
 C₁₁ — 0.01- μ fd. paper.
 C₁₃ — 50- μ fd. (special for use with National XLA socket).
 C₁₅ — Miniature butterfly variable, 2.1-5.27 μ fd. (Johnson 5MB11).
 C₁₇ — 0.002- μ fd. ceramic or mica.
 C₁₈ — 0.1- μ fd. paper.
 C₂₀, C₂₁ — 0.05- μ fd. paper.
 R₁ — 4700 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₂ — 3000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₃ — 0.33 megohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₄, R₇, C₁₀ — 2200 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₅, R₈ — 220 ohms, 1 watt.
 R₆ — 58,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₉, R₁₂ — 10,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₁₁ — 5 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₁₃ — 0.1 megohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₁₄ — 10 megohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

- R₁₅ — 30,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₁₆ — 50,000-ohm potentiometer.
 R₁₇ — 0.5-megohm potentiometer.
 R₁₈, R₁₉ — 22,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₂₀ — 1 megohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R₂₁ — 4700 ohms, 1 watt.
 L₁ — 14 turns B&W Miniductor No. 3003, tapped at $3\frac{1}{2}$ turns.
 L₂ — 5 turns No. 18, $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch diam.
 L₃ — 6 turns No. 16, $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch diam.
 L₄ — 3 turns No. 18 enam. around middle of L₃.
 L₅ — 4 turns No. 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch space at center.
 L₆ — 2-turn loop of push-back in middle of L₅.
 L₇ — 3 turns No. 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam.
 L₈ — 4 turns No. 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam. B-plus tap $1\frac{1}{2}$ turns from low end; r.f. tap $\frac{1}{2}$ turn from grid end.
 L₉ — 2-turn loop of push-back in cold end of L₇.
 J₁, J₂, J₃ — Tip jack.
 J₄ — Coaxial antenna socket.
 J₅ — Open-circuit 'phone jack.
 J₆ — 2-pin microphone connector.
 RFC₁—RFC₅ — Small single-layer r.f. choke (Ohmite Z-144).
 T₁ — Single-button microphone to one grid (UTC Ouncer 0-1).
 T₂ — Single plate to two grid (UTC Ouncer 0-7).
 T₃ — Modulation transformer (Stancor A-3812).
 T₄ — Single plate to one grid (UTC Ouncer 0-5).

modulator will result in a beautiful carrier poorly modulated. The writer went all through this, starting with a one-tube modulating system.

The 3Q4s require 15 volts of negative bias, while the 1S4 calls for only 7 volts. This intro-

duced bias complications, until it was found that there was hardly any loss in output or quality when 15 volts was applied to the 1S4. The Burgess K10E hearing-aid battery, measuring little more than a one-inch cube, handles this

well, and fits neatly into the top or the case.

Receiver

The receiving circuit is a straightforward superregenerator, and no originality is claimed for it. A 959 acorn pentode r.f. amplifier is capacitively coupled to a 957 acorn triode superregenerative detector. A miniature transformer coupled the detector output to a 3A5 dual triode, providing two stages of audio amplification. High-impedance headphones are used and received signals are frequently sufficiently strong to be heard clearly when the 'phones are laid on the table. It is entirely practical to wire the headphone jack onto the output of the first audio stage and use a small 'speaker in the plate circuit of the second audio stage, in place of R_{13} .

Except for the constant necessity for compactness, there are no particular construction or wiring problems involved in the receiver. Placement of the r.f. and detector tubes is important. To provide shielding the r.f. tube is mounted horizontally on a small vertical aluminum plate, with the grid prong pointing toward the rear end of the chassis, permitting direct connection to the r.f. input coil. National type XLA sockets were used for both acorn tubes. This socket has small 50- μ fd. by-pass condensers that can be inserted within the socket itself. The detector tube is mounted upside down under the chassis, so that its circuit leads are as short as possible, and to isolate it from the r.f. stage.

The B supply to the receiver was originally fed through a dropping resistor, cutting the voltage to about 100, at which point maximum receiver sensitivity was achieved. However, when a vibrator supply was tried it was found that the output voltage varied with the speed of the car motor, so an OB2 regulator was squeezed into a corner of the receiver chassis to stabilize the detector voltage.

Construction

All parts are mounted on the front of the case or on the chassis,

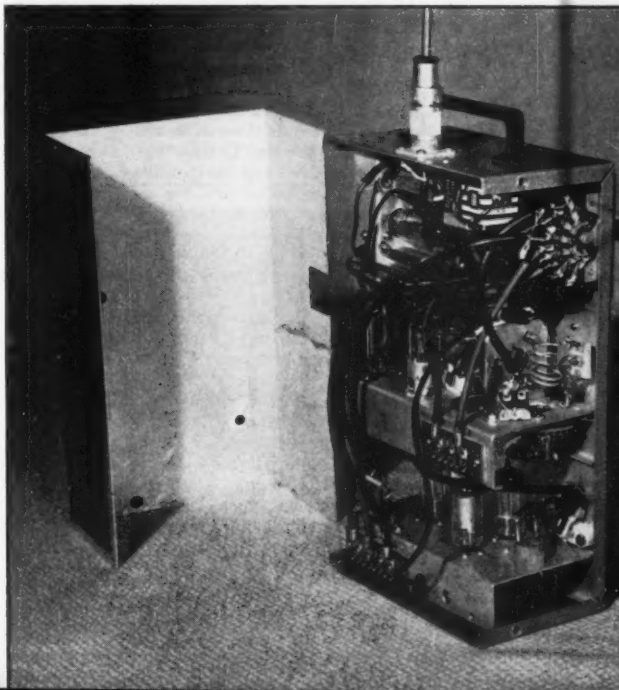
Rear view of the 2-meter portable station. The transmitter section is at the bottom with the receiver chassis in the middle. The modulator is on a small chassis at the upper left. The large cables are coaxial lines for the antenna and microphone circuits.

so that removing the back involves no wiring complications. Even the 6-terminal power fitting is mounted on the flange of the front panel. The socket has two mounting lugs; one of these is bolted to the front panel flange, while a small brass nut is soldered to the back of the other flange. A square piece is cut out of the back section (see photo) of such size and location as will fit neatly around the socket, leaving the flange with the soldered nut inside. A matching hole in the side of the back section permits screwing the socket tightly to the case when it is closed.

The modulator chassis is bolted with two 6-32 machine screws and nuts to the front panel, in the top right-hand corner, viewed from the front. A small space must be left for the back of the case to fit inside the flanged edge of the panel. The transmitter and receiver chassis are held to the front panel by their respective condenser and potentiometer lock nuts.

The send-receive switch is a telephone-type key switch equivalent to a double-throw four-pole switch. The connections are: (1) antenna to receive or transmit; (2) A-plus to receiver or transmitter; (3) B-plus to receiver or transmitter and modulator. The fourth set of contacts is not used. Microphone current is applied through the push-to-talk switch, though it could be handled with the remaining set of contacts if desired.

A double-pole single-throw switch is mounted on the front panel for power control. This was added later for convenience, as was also a crystal socket on the front panel. It may be asked why the 6-pole power plug, to which reference has already been made, since a 4-pole plug would appear to be adequate. The reason for this was to facilitate mobile hook-up, with a vibrator supply for the high voltage.



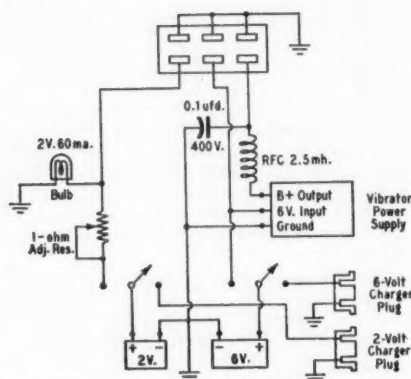


Fig. 2—Details of the wet-battery portable power supply. The 1-ohm variable resistor should be adjusted so that the voltage at the transmitter tube filaments is 1.4 volts. It is then necessary to make provision for dropping the receiver filament voltage to the same value independently. This was done by inserting another small variable resistor (about $1\frac{1}{4}$ ohms is needed) in the receiver filament circuit. This is shorted out when the unit is operated from dry batteries.

Antennas

A quarter-wave rod of brass $\frac{3}{16}$ inch in diameter was filed at the end to solder into the center conductor of a coaxial fitting. With a rubber grommet to center the rod this makes a very suitable ground-plane antenna for strictly portable operation. However, the rig has served well as a net station in simulated emergency operation, using a three-section collinear array on the roof of the local Red Cross Headquarters. This array is fed with 300-ohm line, but results have been good enough so that no special coupling provision is made for balanced feed. The same coupling system is also used when the rig is used for mobile operation.

Batteries and Power Supply

A Burgess type 4F $1\frac{1}{2}$ -volt battery makes a good filament supply, but two of them in parallel will last more than twice as long. As these batteries are relatively long-lived and inexpensive, no attempt has been made to tie into the car battery when the rig is used mobile. A separate 6-volt microphone battery is used as insurance against vibrator hash troubles. It gives long service and is usable down to 3 or 4 volts without noticeable loss in modulation. For B supply Burgess type B30s (four required) are recommended. These will give fairly long service, particularly if used for short widely-separated transmission periods.

To conserve dry batteries a portable power supply has been constructed using a small vibrator put out by Electronics Laboratories, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind. Two non-spillable batteries are used, Willard types ER40-6 and 20-2, 6-volt 40-ampere hours and 2-volt 20-ampere hours respectively. Batteries and vibrator are mounted in a Bud CC-1097 metal carrying case, with han-

dles on top and removable front and back panels. Holes $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter are punched in the cabinet so that the condition of the batteries, as indicated by red, white and green balls, can be observed without removing them from the case.

The cabinet is a perfect fit for the 6-volt battery, which rests on a pad of sponge rubber at the bottom of the case. The 2-volt filament battery is supported on a small bracket on the side of the cabinet just above the 6-volt unit. On the other side the vibrator supply fits in nicely on end, leaving enough space at the top for two switches, a pilot light and a pair of polarized sockets for connection to external chargers. Fig. 2 shows the wiring. A Mallory type 6-AC-4 is used for charging the 6-volt battery and a home-built charger, consisting of a 6.3-volt filament transformer and a Selectron type 5M1 rectifier, charges the filament battery.

Mobile Operation

"Pixie," as the rig is now known, is giving good service as a mobile rig. Another vibrator supply of the type used in the portable unit mentioned above is installed in the trunk compartment. This supply is rated at 200 volts at 75 ma., but its output voltage drops to about 180 under the load the rig imposes. A simple rack which latches onto the car radio grill holds the rig in a convenient location. The A and microphone batteries are strapped under this rack, while the B-plus comes from a cable running under the floor covering from the luggage compartment. B-minus is a ground to the dash.

The antenna for mobile operation is a coaxial type made from aluminum tubing. The supporting tube is a push fit into a socket that is bracketed to the skirt and rear bumper of the car. This socket is made of sheet brass bent to form a sleeve. The transmission line terminates in a coaxial fitting at this point and is readily coupled to a mating fitting on the end of a permanently-installed line of 72-ohm coax. This goes down through a rubber-grommetted hole in the skirt, up under the rear left fender, through a hole that was already there to carry lighting wires. It was easy to get into the passenger compartment from the trunk without drilling, and to bring the transmission line up through the grommet of the steering wheel column. Thus the only drilling consisted of two $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch holes for the antenna mast bracket and the $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch grommetted hole for the coax in the rear skirt. With this rig, "Pixie" can be installed or dismantled in a matter of two minutes, leaving little or no trace when removed.

Adjustment and Operation

In operation the little portable is similar to a fixed-station rig. The receiver r.f. stage is broadbanded, but it can be adjusted with an insulating screwdriver from the front panel. A friction-type tuning dial using a $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch dial plate and a friction drive from a standard National or Bud dial of this type tunes the receiver.

The oscillator and tripler circuits are screw-

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W2ZXM/MM — “Captain Stay-Put”

ONE of the truly great epics of the sea was enacted as the New Year began. Battered by high winds of gale velocity and mountainous waves from the worst storm to hit the European coast in the past half century, the Isbrandtsen Line cargo ship *Flying Enterprise* started listing so badly that the skipper, Captain Henrik Kurt Carlsen, ordered the ten passengers and forty crewmen to abandon ship. Captain Carlsen chose to remain with his ship, radioing that he would stay aboard “until she is towed to port or sinks.” The long ordeal of this heroic sea captain is now familiar to all of you.

The master of the *Flying Enterprise* will not only go down in history as a great ship captain, but as an amateur radio operator, W2ZXM, who in the true spirit of the amateur carried on emergency communications despite the odds. (The 37-year-old skipper from Woodbridge, N. J., is an active maritime mobileer, his ‘phone signal well known on the ten-meter band.) To maintain communications he rigged up a battery-powered transmitter and a temporary antenna.

Captain Clayton McLaughlin of the Isbrandtsen Line in New York City early in this historic battle against the sea indicated to us that Carlsen was using amateur radio equipment. Subsequently, with the aid of Joseph Meyers, manager of operations of the National Broadcasting Company news department in New York City, word was received from NBC newsmen in England that Carlsen had been using amateur radio to maintain his communications. The Navy Department reported that escorting ships used channels in the 2.7-Mc. band. As *QST* goes to press, we are unable to ascertain the frequency on which Captain Carlsen had been operating.

Carlsen was licensed as W2ZXM in 1949. His shipboard transmitter ran 1 kw. on c.w., 800 watts on ‘phone, with a 50-watt rig operating 3.5 to 144 Mc. also available. A 3-element rotary beam was used for ten meters. Current was supplied to the station by a 2-kw. motor generator.

The valiant master, dubbed “Captain Stay-Put” by the British press, is a member of the ARRL and the Maritime Mobile Amateur Radio Club. He obtained his berth as master of the *Flying Enterprise* in 1948.

Just two years ago, Carlsen figured in another dramatic incident at sea. On January 4th, while the *Flying Enterprise* was off the Virginia Capes, the child of one of the passengers became seriously



Captain Henrik Kurt Carlsen operating W2ZXM/MM.

ill. The skipper put his maritime mobile station on the air and obtained medical advice from a doctor through an amateur in Minneapolis. Following administration of the proper drugs, the child recovered sufficiently to be out of danger.

Edgar D. Collins of the League's advertising department has sailed with the Captain and confirms his intense interest in amateur radio.

A radio message and cable were sent to the heroic skipper from League Headquarters, the cable saluting him on behalf of the amateur radio operators throughout the world. — H. P.

Captain Carlsen, safe in England after the unfortunate loss of his ship, when asked by newsmen “Would you have stayed [on the ship] if you hadn't had a ham radio with you?” said “I think it would have been rather a risky business.”



Air photo of the badly-listing *Flying Enterprise* with Captain Carlsen on deck (circle). — *Wide World photo*

How To Wire a Transmitter

The Basic Techniques of Radio Wiring†

BY BYRON GOODMAN,* WIDX

ONE's first attempt at wiring a piece of radio gear is somewhat similar to one's first efforts at golf or skiing — the result is not likely to be mistaken for the work of a professional. But, fortunately, the rig will probably work, and the stations that hear your signals won't know that the rig isn't wired as neatly as a Bell Telephone switchboard. As a matter of fact, how well you wire your rig depends almost entirely on your pride and your experience — you will need both to come up with a good job. It is the object of this article to point out a few of the principles and considerations that are involved.

Obviously, the most elementary type of wiring is one where the small components are laid in haphazardly and the unclipped wires are run to the necessary points, while connecting wires between large components are placed in the most convenient way. This will work for anything from power supplies up through audio equipment to r.f. circuits. You find it in many broadcast and TV receivers. It's called "point-to-point" wiring, and it usually looks like a rat's nest. Some of the better jobs, of course, clip unnecessarily-long leads and try to lay the long wires out of the way, but the result is still something that will never carry the Tiffany label. At the other end of the scale you find the "quality" wiring that is used in the better test equipment and gear built for the Government. Every component seems to have a proper place, and there isn't a hodge-podge of crossed wires. A nice wiring job like this, or any other, isn't an accident — it is the result of careful planning.

Since point-to-point wiring is "just doing what comes naturally" — provided you can follow a wiring diagram and know a little about soldering

— most of this article will be taken up with the quality approach. There is, however, one simple trick that will dress up point-to-point wiring, and we'll tell you about it later.

Soldering

On the off chance that you haven't done much soldering, a short discussion of it is in order. In the early days of radio, many rigs were put together by wrapping the wires around binding posts that were provided on each component, but "them days is gone forever," and it is only in an emergency that one would build a rig without soldered connections.

Soldering requires a clean hot iron (actually it's copper), some solder and flux, and two or more wires or terminals that are to be soldered. The wires furnished with resistors and condensers are usually already tinned, as are the terminals on sockets and other components, so soldering is made easier and faster, because tinning allows the solder to flow freely over the wires when they are heated. Bare copper or brass (and insulated wire) must be cleaned or scraped before it is soldered, to expose shiny clean metal. Flux is used in soldering to prevent oxidization of the metal by the heat, and if you don't use flux-cored solder you must provide yourself with a can of rosin-base soldering paste, to be spread thinly on the metal to be soldered, before the iron is applied. Radiomen take a dim view of acid-base fluxes, because they have the reputation for corroding the joint and adjacent wires after a year or two. If you must use acid fluxes, be sure to remove any residue immediately after soldering.

We can't tell you what soldering iron to buy for your first one, any more than we can tell you how to select a wife or an automobile (and for the same reasons). However, you will probably wind up with an iron in or around the 100-watt class, or a soldering gun. A 60- to 100-watt iron will be

† Two earlier "how-to" articles in this series were "How to Lay Out a Transmitter," and "How To Build a Transmitter," in the July and December, 1951, issues. — Ed.

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With most of the wiring under the chassis, it is a simple job to keep a rig looking neat above the chassis.

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satisfactory for all but the heaviest work (such as soldering to large masses of brass or copper, where it won't be able to supply enough heat), and the soldering gun has the advantage that where you are working slowly and sporadically you don't have to worry about the tip burning out. The gun or the iron will have a small-enough tip to enable you to get into some of the small places where a larger iron won't fit. As you develop skill, you will probably want a small "pencil" iron for very light work and a heavy iron for the big stuff. However, you can use a 100-watt iron for heavier-than-normal work by adding the heat from a small alcohol blow-torch during the soldering process.

The soldering-iron tip should be kept clean at all times, with a thin coat of shiny solder on it. Wiping it with a rag or steel wool will do this for you. If the tip becomes pitted or irregular after some time, file it smooth again and re-tin it. Tinning instructions usually come with the solder and with the iron, so they won't be repeated here. The iron must be hot and shiny when soldering, because if it is dull and dirty it won't transmit the heat to the work.

Apply the hot iron right next to the joint to be soldered, and touch the joint with the flux-cored solder. The solder will melt and flow over the joint, provided the joint is already tinned or has been cleaned properly. Don't hold the solder against the iron — you may get a sleeve of solder but no real bond. It won't take long to get the hang of soldering — soldering a few pieces of scrap wire will give you the "feel" better than a thousand words could. Just remember that there are two enemies to good soldering: dirty surfaces, and an iron that isn't hot enough or clean enough. When the solder is flowing over the work, remove the iron and the solder and watch the surface of the molten solder. After a few seconds, the bright shine of the molten solder will suddenly change to a duller finish — this indicates that the solder has cooled and hardened. In a good soldered joint, the solder will flow freely over the work and seem to combine with it, leaving no visible joint. Anything less than this should be suspect, and wiggling the wires (after cooling) will usually show that you have acquired a "cold" joint or a "rosin" joint that has made no bond. Resist any temptation to blow on the joint before the solder has set — let nature do the cooling.

Sometimes the flux will flow over the work and leave a thin film after cooling. This film will injure nothing but it doesn't look neat, and it can be wiped off with a rag or brush while it is still warm.

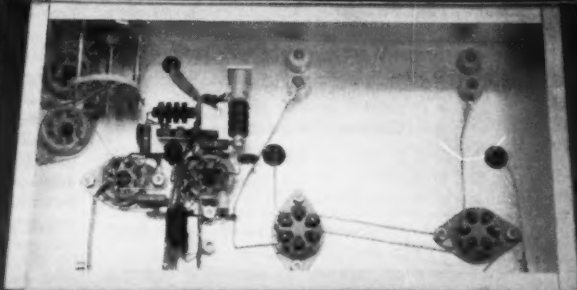
When soldering a wire to a terminal, you have two choices. You can thread the wire into the terminal and then wrap it around the terminal once or more before soldering, or you can simply solder the wire as it lies in the hole of the terminal. The first, or "wrap-around" type of connection, is the one insisted upon in most high-grade commercial equipment, because the solder is not depended upon for the mechanical support but only for the electrical connection. It is recommended for any mobile equipment or anything likely to receive any shock or vibration. On the other hand, it is more difficult to replace components when this type of connection is used and, for experimental work, the simpler type of connection will work satisfactorily and will also speed up your work somewhat.

Your choice in wire lies between solid and stranded. The high-quality equipment usually calls for stranded wire, on the theory that if one or two strands break you still have a connection left. Solid wire is a little easier to work with in some instances, and for amateur work there isn't much choice. Whenever there is to be any flexing of a wire or wires, however, the stranded wire should be used, since it will take the bending better over a long period of time. Solid conductor is generally preferred for r.f. work, but this is probably as much superstition as anything else, since we have never heard of anyone finding r.f. that refused to flow along a stranded conductor.

Any bare wire that runs far enough to offer the chance of hitting another wire under vibration should be covered with any of the many "spaghettis" or insulating tubings that are available, or it should be anchored so that it cannot possibly touch another conductor or the chassis. The insulating tubing has no electrical effect that you will be able to measure.

When wires are run through a hole in the chassis, for any of a dozen reasons, a rubber grommet should be used in the hole to furnish some insulation (for a single bare wire) or to prevent chafing of the insulation on an insulated wire. Insulated bushings of polystyrene or ce-

Like the man said (in a previous article), it is the wiring under the chassis that clutters up a piece of radio gear. But placing the components at right angles, as in this example, will minimize the effect.



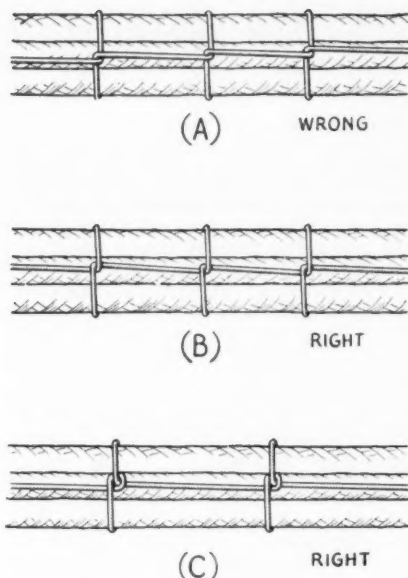


Fig. 1 — Methods of lacing cables. The example at A is wrong because it is not self-tightening. B shows the usual method — C is a little fancier and will take a little longer to do.

ramic are also available, and their use is recommended where the voltage is higher than 400 or 500.

Shielded Wire

If you use shielded wire, as recommended in *QST* for TVI reduction,¹ parasitic dissuasion or anything else, you will find that it pays to be careful in handling the shield braid. You can unravel it with a scribe or an ice pick, but be careful to cut off every wisp of the braid back from the tip of the wire, to prevent inadvertent grounding of the wire. After peeling the braid back a half inch or so, wrap the braid with 2 or 3 turns of No. 22 tinned wire and run a slight coating of solder over it, to anchor the ends of the braid and finish off the braid neatly. Or you can just run a narrow collar of solder around the braid. When soldering to braid, do it quickly, so that you won't melt through the insulation underneath.

Incidentally, ordinary shield braid will only hold down electrostatic pick-up in audio work — it offers but little protection against low-frequency magnetic fields. The best way to lick them is to keep your wire close to the steel chassis and as far from the magnetic field as possible.

Ground Connections

The best ground on a chassis is one that is welded or soldered directly to the chassis. You can solder to a steel chassis if you clean the chassis

until it is shiny, and then use a very hot iron. It is hard to do a neat job. You can only solder to an aluminum chassis with special aluminum solder and sufficient heat, but here again it is difficult to do a neat job. However, the next best ground is a soldering lug with teeth in it (usually called a "star" or "Shakpruf" lug) that will bite into the metal of the chassis. There are times when a good ground to the chassis is not vital, as when "link" interstage coupling is used, but it is good practice to get into the habit of making good grounds to the chassis at all times. Whenever the chassis is used to conduct current, as in capacity-coupled stages, the chassis connections should be good ones. It is also good practice to make all of the grounds for any one stage (whether link- or capacity-coupled to the next) to a single soldering lug that makes good connection to the chassis. If they won't all fit on one lug, at least fasten the two or more lugs to the chassis with the same screw. And don't fall into the trap of thinking that a lug on one side of a chassis and one on the other, held down by the same screw, means that you have only one ground point for those two lugs. That is true only in d.c. and low-frequency work — at r.f. they represent two different grounds, since r.f. flows only on the surface of a conductor.

Dressing It Up

Back at the start we promised a trick on making your wiring look neater, so here it is. And don't laugh if it sounds too simple — try it, and you'll see what we mean. The secret is this: lay in the components parallel to the chassis sides. A lot of old hands do this automatically, without stopping to think why, but you will find upon examination that even the worst "rat's nest" can be dressed up by following this simple rule. If you still don't believe it, take a good wiring job where this has been done, and put a few of the components in at an angle — you'll see the difference.

There are other tricks, too, but we believe that that one is the key to the whole thing. Another trick is to make generous use of tie points and terminal boards, so that components can be laid in side by side (parallel to a side of the chassis, of course). Wherever possible, avoid stacking the components one above the other, to sidestep "peeling off" components to get at the bottom one. If you can't avoid stacking the components, at least make their leads accessible so that the bottom one can be snaked out from under the others. Proper use of tie points and terminal boards permits unsoldering a component or a wire without disturbing the other leads on that particular point.

The third and last trick to neat wiring is to run the long and loose leads around the edges of the chassis or as laced cables across the center of a chassis. In commercial work the laced cables are usually made up beforehand, but this is usually unnecessary in amateur work, and the wires can be laced after they are in place and the equipment has been given a rough check. Ordinary grocery

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¹Grammer, "By-Passing for Harmonic Reduction," *QST*, April, 1951.

Happenings of the Month

"RACES" RULES PROPOSED

On December 19th the Federal Communications Commission released its long-awaited proposals for regulations governing civil defense communications to be furnished primarily by amateur radio under the name "Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service," or "RACES." This action logically, if belatedly, follows the announcement nearly a year ago that portions of the amateur bands had been cleared for use by amateurs in c.d. communications even in the event of war.

RACES will be a brand-new service. It is of course closely allied to the amateur service; in fact, the proposed regulations are to be Sub-Part B of our present rules. Wherever they might be found incomplete, present amateur rules apply. The text of the proposal is of considerable length; the Headquarters has sent copies to ARRL administrative and interested field organization personnel, as well as clubs, and here we shall cover only the highlights. Any comment must be filed with FCC by February 15th. See your SEC or club secretary if you want to make a detailed study of the proposal.

RACES licensing and operation is based on organized networks under the direction of community or area civil defense authorities. There must be a complete communications plan in existence, and a copy on file with FCC. A key man in the local set-up is the Civil Defense Radio Officer, who must hold a commercial 1st or 2nd license, or an amateur license except Novice or Technician; must be qualified in the technical and administrative fields; and must have been cleared by local authorities for loyalty and integrity. He, primarily, organizes the networks, sets their drill and test schedules, and in general supervises all operations. He must endorse each amateur application before the Commission will issue a RACES station authorization. He is responsible to the director of civil defense, or to the intermediate communications officer if there is one.

Station authorizations will be issued upon application using FCC Form 480, endorsed by the radio officer, to a person who holds an amateur station license with operator privileges other than Novice or Technician. Normally the term will be concurrent with that of the amateur li-

cense. If the station is inactive for a period longer than three months, the authorization is to be surrendered. Multiple units under the same call are provided for; i.e., a home station and additional portable or mobile units may be operated under the same authorization and call sign, plus a supplementary numeral to identify multiple units (e.g., WIABC/1 for a home or other fixed station, WIABC/2, etc., for additional fixed or portable or mobile units).

While only amateurs of General-Conditional Class or higher may obtain station authorizations, Novices and Technicians may participate in civil defense activities as operators, except on c.w. circuits. Provisions are also made for participation of commercial licensees, generally according to qualifications.

The c.d. earmarked portions of amateur bands are usable with various types of emission, as follows:¹

| Frequency Band | Authorized Emission |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 28.55-28.75 Mc. | 0.1 A1, 6 A3, 6 A4, 6 F3 |
| 29.45-29.65 Mc. | C.1 A1, 1.1 F1, 6 A3, 6 A4, 40 F3 |
| 50.35-50.75 Mc. | 0.1 A1, 2 A2, 6 A3, 6 A4, 6 F3 |
| 53.35-53.75 Mc. | |
| 145.17-145.71 Mc. | 0.1 A1, 1.1 F1, 2 A2, 3 F2, 6 A3, |
| 146.79-147.33 Mc. | 6 A4, 40 F3 |
| 220-225 Mc. | |

Additional assignments "for use only by authorized stations or units of such stations which are operated under the direct supervision of duly designated and responsible officials of the civil defense organization" are:

| Frequency Band | Authorized emission |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1800-1825 kc. | 0.1 A1, 6 A3 |
| 1900-1925 kc. | 0.1 A1, 6 A3 |
| 3500-3510 kc. | 0.1 A1, 1.1 F1 |
| 3990-4000 kc. | 0.1 A1, 1.1 F1, 6 A3, 6 A4 |

The Commission makes it quite clear that this is a temporary service and that if the need for its existence disappears, authorizations may be cancelled before their normal expiration date. RACES shares frequencies with the amateur service, but otherwise has no effect on present normal amateur operations.

EXTRA CLASS LICENSES

On December 7th FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making which in effect grants the Amateur Extra Class ticket without special examination either in code or advanced theory to applicants who hold or can qualify for at least a General Class license, and who submit evidence of having held an amateur license during or prior to April, 1917. December 21st was the final date for filing comment; on the 27th the Commission made the rule final.

It is difficult to tie this action into FCC's announced objectives in creating its Extra Class

¹ Abbreviations here show first a numeral indicating bandwidth in kc., then a letter showing type of modulation (A for amplitude, F for frequency or phase), and then another numeral showing type of emission (1 for telegraphy, 2 for tone-modulated telegraphy, 3 for voice, 4 for facsimile). For example, 6F3 is frequency-modulated telephony, bandwidth 6 kc.

² Subject to the priority of the Loran system of radionavigation in this band and to the geographical, frequency, emission and power limitations contained in Section 12.111 of Rules Governing Amateur Radio Station and Operators.

license in the first place, "exceptional proficiency . . . a very real target for those among the amateurs in whom pride of superior ability and accomplishment would constitute a spur to special endeavor," and "an incentive to all amateurs to become highly proficient in all phases of the radio art." However, the Commission indicates that it feels recognition should be given early pioneers not necessarily on the basis of proficiency but of seniority.

The amended rules are paragraph (a) of § 12.21:

(a) *Amateur Extra Class.* Any citizen of the United States who either (1) at any time prior to receipt of his application by the Commission has held for a period of two years or more a valid amateur operator license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, excluding licenses of the Novice and Technician Classes, or (2) submits evidence of having held a valid amateur radio station or operator license issued by any agency of the United States Government during or prior to April, 1917.

and the following new paragraph, with old paragraph (d) becoming (e):

(d) An applicant for Amateur Extra Class operator license will be given credit for examination elements 1(C) and 4(B) if he so requests and submits evidence of having held a valid amateur radio station or operator license issued by any agency of the United States Government during or prior to April, 1917, and qualifies for or currently holds a valid amateur operator license of the General or Advanced Class.

FCC has now released a study guide for the Amateur Extra Class written examination, consisting of nearly 300 questions to indicate its scope. These example questions, together with suitable answers, appear in the latest edition of the ARRL *License Manual*, just coming off the press.

SERVICEMAN ACTIVITY WAIVER

Because so many amateurs are in the armed forces and unable to get on the air to accumulate sufficient hours of operating time to apply for renewal of their tickets, there has been in effect a waiver of the activity requirement for such persons in service. This waiver has now been extended to include licenses expiring during the year 1952.

F.C.D.A. COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

Designed to evaluate and provide answers for technical and practical problems posed in planning civil defense communications, a users-industry-government conference was held in Washington the week of December 10th under the sponsorship of the Federal Civil Defense Administration. Nearly 100 representatives of federal, state and local governments, national organizations, industry and commercial services, took part in the discussions. The amateur service was represented by ARRL Vice President and Communications Manager F. E. Handy, WIBDI, and National Emergency Coordinator George Hart, WINJM.

In fields relating to amateur activities, the conference committees endorsed the proposed set-up for a Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and urged a speed-up in the machinery to put it into effect. It was recommended that the

military be asked to review the earmarked frequencies for a limited number of additional channels near 3.9 Mc., so long as this would not delay implementation of the plan as so far approved.

Operationally, there is no limit as to what equipment may be used in c.d. communications, but as a prerequisite to the Federal Government matching funds provided by states and communities for purchases of civil defense material, communications equipment presently must meet technical standards much more stringent than is customary in the amateur service. Looking to the future, a resolution was adopted suggesting the drafting of additional equipment specifications reflecting practical requirements for RACES that would warrant matching funds.

The Existing Radio Services Committee included amateurs high among the services "so affected by a major disaster as to make the communications facilities appropriate for inclusion in c.d. activities." ARRL emergency coordinators and other officials in the League field organization are receiving more detailed information about the conference and its tangible effects on amateur planning and participation.

LEAGUE REQUESTS POSTPONEMENT OF 7-MC. BAND PLANNING

As reported in December *QST* (page 38), the Federal Communications Commission combined the ARRL request for f.s.k. teletype privileges in 7250-7300 kc. with others for 'phone on 40 meters and teletype for all bands below 27 Mc., in a notice soliciting general comment. This action, the League's Executive Committee concluded after study, made a complex problem out of a comparatively simple one, to the extent that ARRL comment could not be made by the stipulated filing date, January 2nd. As a result, the League requests an extension of this date to June, to permit completion of the Planning Committee's study and later consideration by the Board of Directors at its meeting in May. The text of our request follows:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 12.111 of Part 12, "Rules Governing Amateur Radio Service."

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(American Radio Relay League)

I.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Rule Making Proceedings in Docket No. 10073, released November 1, 1951, the American Radio Relay League, Inc., files these comments.

II.

The League is eager to assist the Commission by furnishing comprehensive and detailed comment on the issues listed in its Notice. However, for reasons which will be detailed hereinafter, the League finds itself unable within the time indicated in the Notice to appraise and comment adequately on the various issues which the Commission has inter-related for consideration with our own proposal for f.s.k. teletype privileges in 7250-7300 kilocycles. This being so, it is requested that additional time for the date of filing be authorized. For its own part, the League would contemplate a date subsequent to the annual meeting of

A Letter to TV Receiver Manufacturers

In mid-December the American Radio Relay League addressed the presidents of principal television receiver manufacturing companies commending their action in agreeing to apply suitable remedies to receivers found by FCC to be deficient in design or construction when interfered with by amateur stations, and pointing up the need to prevent this problem on the design table and drafting board rather than in the field, especially in view of the imminence of opening the u.h.f. TV bands. The letter follows:

Dear Sir:

As you may know, the operation of an amateur radio station frequently interferes with the reception of television signals. Broadly speaking, the causes of such interference fall into one of two categories: spurious radiations from the transmitter, or receiver defects such as susceptibility to overload and lack of adequate selectivity. Thanks to an intensive development program aimed at eliminating transmitter difficulties, the radio amateur has succeeded in devising methods for solving his part of the television interference problem. In many cases the interference still exists, however, due to receiver deficiencies.

For some months now the Federal Communications Commission has been endeavoring to obtain assurances from manufacturers that suitable remedies will be applied without cost to the customer when interference patterns exist in sets of their make because of inadequate design or construction. The Commission has now announced substantial progress in this campaign. As information, I enclose copy of an article appearing in the January issue of *QST*. The industry deserves a bouquet for its cooperation in taking the first step — discharging its obligation when the customer's receiver is found at fault.

Yet at best this is only a remedy for a past miscalculation when TV was in its infancy. There still remains the obligation to provide, in normal design processes, adequate protection in current and future models against transmissions not in the television channels themselves. Recognition of this fact becomes especially important since we stand on the verge of opening u.h.f. channels for an expanded television service. TV receivers — and converters — designed for u.h.f. will bear the same responsibility for performance as their predecessors, with perhaps a slightly greater problem in interference rejection. The mistakes which have led to much needless interference in v.h.f. television — mistakes that, we feel certain, have occurred principally because of lack of awareness of the problem, rather than inability to cope with it — should not be repeated in the u.h.f. field. Your engineering group can provide the appropriate answers, once it is brought to their attention that solutions must be found.

In this connection you will be interested in the attached copy of my letter of May 1st to the RTMA. I understand the subject is receiving active consideration by the RTMA Committee on Television Receivers.

Action must be taken now to ensure that models of television receivers and converters for either v.h.f. or u.h.f. channels will incorporate adequate selectivity characteristics and protection against transmissions not in the television channels themselves. If the ——— TV Corporation would like to conduct cooperative tests on interference susceptibility of your engineering or pilot models, our laboratory facilities and engineering experience in this specialized field are gladly offered.

Sincerely yours,

A. L. BUDLONG
General Manager

its Board of Directors, now expected to be early May, 1952, where final recommendations on some of the issues presented by the Commission's notice will be made as the result of studies now in progress. A final filing date not earlier than June 2, 1952, is suggested therefore.

III.

So that the Commission may better understand a request for what may seem an unusually lengthy deferment, we explain briefly why the nature of the problem will take some months of study by the Board, and reference to some of the problems which arise and need study in any consideration of the matters covered by the Notice, other than that proposed by the League.

1) *The Board's current study.* As the Commission knows, the ARRL Board of Directors follows the practice each year of examining and re-examining matters of special amateur interest. At its regular meeting in May, 1951, the Board discussed the possibility of requesting opening part of the 7-Mc. amateur band to A3 emission. It quickly became apparent that there were many factors, several indeterminate at the time of the meeting, which would need careful study and thorough consideration before any sound and intelligent action could be taken. The Board, therefore, assigned to its Planning Committee, one of its standing committees, a study of this question looking to a report and recommendation sometime in the early part of 1952, on which the Board could base its final study and conclusions. As it happened, then, the League was already engaged in a study of the more difficult questions posed in the Commission's Notice when the Notice was released. The Planning Committee has not yet completed its report, however, and the Board will not finally act on the matter until after further study of its meeting in May. At that time the League expects to have gathered data sufficient to enable filing of suitable comment.

2) *The needs and desires of amateur radio operators.* Past expressions of amateurs, in sizeable polls of opinion conducted by the League, have indicated that a substantial majority feel that opening part of the 7-Mc. band to A3 emission would be detrimental to amateur interests. However, amateur interests and needs change rapidly; the most recent expression of opinion by amateurs on this highly controversial matter was four years ago and the Board feels that a current appraisal is needed. Numerous members of the League's Board are now engaged in a canvass of opinion in their respective areas of the country. Adequate comment by the League on the Commission's present Notice must await the results of such canvass, so that there may be a more general expression of amateur sentiment on this question.

3) *Effects of the Atlantic City allocations table.* At the present time, international regulations (Cairo, 1938) permit sharing between broadcasting and amateur on the frequencies 7200-7300 kilocycles in other regions outside the Americas. Under the Atlantic City allocations table broadcasting in these other regions is allocated exclusive use of half the amateur band, from 7150-7300 kilocycles, and shared use with amateur for an additional 50 kilocycles, to 7100 kilocycles. Such an allocation portends considerable effect on present amateur operations in the 7-Mc. band. Adequate comment by the League on the Commission's present Notice requires careful appraisal of this problem, as well as knowledge of such implementation schedule as may have been evolved by the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference, just ended.

4) *Worldwide displacement effects.* Amateur stations in other parts of the world, on the long-distance bands such as the one under discussion, customarily conduct their voice operations outside the portion of such bands available for A3 emission in the United States and Canada. At the present time, with no U. S. or Canadian voice operation in this band, foreign voice operation, both elsewhere in the Americas and in other parts of the world, is only moderate in amount and is distributed generally throughout the band. If, however, U. S. and Canadian amateurs were permitted to use voice here, it is possible there would be a marked influx of new foreign voice stations, and almost certainly a shift of all such foreign operation to the remaining portion of the band, affecting its utility for c.w. purposes. Adequate comment by the League on the Commission's present notice requires careful appraisal of these factors.

5) *Informal liaison with Canada.* It has been the custom for many years for Canada to provide her amateurs with

frequencies for A3 emission which not only encompass those available to U. S. amateurs but to extend somewhat beyond the U. S. limits. In its consideration of this whole subject, it is the hope of the League's Board that some informal indication of what allied action Canada might take can be developed through its Canadian member. As this will be a considerable factor in any evaluation of some of the questions the Notice poses, adequate comment by the League must await its further exploration.

6) *Laboratory project needed.* It is the opinion of the League that comment on question No. 6 in the Notice, if it is to be of any substantial value, will require the inauguration of a special laboratory project, which the League is prepared to undertake provided the extension is granted.

7) *Development of Novice operation.* The new Novice Class of license recently made available by the Commission is attracting many newcomers to amateur radio. The low-frequency assignment for Novice use, 3700-3750 kilocycles, is already becoming badly crowded and considerable interference exists. While there has not been sufficient experience with Novice operations to permit conclusions to be drawn at this time, it is possible that the Commission or the League may soon be disposed to propose additional lower frequency privileges for the Novice; it is conceivable that part of the 7-Mc. band would be more desirable for this purpose than expansion of the present 3.7-Mc. segment. Further experience under the new rules permitting Novice operation is desirable so that our Board may be able to appraise this factor properly.

IV.

These are the major problems which need study before intelligent comment can be made on the Commission's present Notice, a study which, as stated, is already in progress. The League hopes the Commission will be disposed to defer the final date for comment, as requested, so that continuance and completion of the League's present study will permit an adequate appraisal.

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE
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Its General Counsel

A. L. BUDLONG
Secretary
December 17, 1951

RULES CHANGES

On January 3rd FCC announced two actions aimed at relieving its administrative-licensing load: (1) removing the requirement that a Conditional Class licensee must appear for examination if he moves into a General Class area or if the FCC establishes a new quarterly examining point within 125 miles of his location, and (2) removing the four-month limit on operation at a temporary location.

So if you are a Conditional Class (old Class C) licensee and move to a location within 125 miles of a quarterly examining point, you no longer have to worry about taking the exam again. FCC does say, however, that if you get put on quiet hours because of citations for BCI or TVI or other unwarranted interference, it may call you up for the General Class examination.

The second action saves you a series of applications for modification if you are, for example, in military service and moving from one post to another every six months or so. So long as you have a permanent address you should have that shown on your license as the fixed station location and then operate as you wish in various portable or temporary locations. You must follow the notification procedures, of course, as specified below.

FCC asks that amateurs who have applied for

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Hints and Kinks

For the Experimenter



BANDSPREADING THE "COMMAND" TRANSMITTERS

If you use one of the "Command" series transmitters as the VFO in your station, you may be interested in having a bit more bandspread than that obtained with the original. In the case of the BC-458, remove the iron slug from the oscillator coil and replace it with a large brass slug. Now adjust the slug so that when the dial is set at 6.7 Mc. the oscillator frequency is actually 7 Mc., and when the dial is set to 7 Mc., the oscillator frequency is 7.3 Mc. This works out to 10 kc. per dial division. To make the dial direct-reading simply add 300 to the dial reading to get the actual frequency.

For the BC-457, glue the iron slug from the BC-458 onto the bottom of the slug in the oscillator coil, and adjust so that when the dial is set to 4 Mc. the oscillator is actually tuned to 3.8 Mc. With this arrangement, tuning the dial from 4 Mc. to 4.2 Mc. results in tuning the oscillator from 3.8 Mc. to 4 Mc., again resulting in a convenient 10-kc.-per division arrangement for use in tuning the 75-meter 'phone band. — *George Young, W5KQD*

[Editor's Note: While this system may work out well in practice, it should be pointed out that no provision is made for correcting the tracking error in the amplifier stage caused by the change in oscillator tuning rate. Over the limited range involved, however, the error may not be serious enough to cause trouble.]

ANTI-SKID TREATMENT FOR BUGS

The tendency for a bug to slide across the smooth top of the operating table can be cured easily without resorting to unsightly rubber pads, screws, etc., and without marring the finish of the finest table. Merely rub a small piece of beeswax on the rubber feet of the bug and it will stay in place as though fastened down. This will work on surfaces as smooth as glass. If beeswax is not available, the wax coating from an old paper condenser will do as well. — *William J. Wright, W5KYK*

CURE FOR MAGNETIZED SCREWDRIVERS

The annoyance of working with an accidentally magnetized screwdriver may be eliminated easily by following this simple procedure. Place the business end of the screwdriver inside a quarter pound spool of No. 20 or smaller wire. Momentarily connect the free ends of the spooled wire across a 2- to 10-volt a.c. source and quickly withdraw the screwdriver. — *Neil A. Johnson, W2OLU*

IMPROVED TUNING RATE FOR RECEIVERS

If you have sharpened the selectivity of your receiver to keep pace with the increased occupancy of the ham bands, you'll probably feel the need for a slower tuning rate. The sketch in Fig. 1 shows one way to attach a vernier dial to the

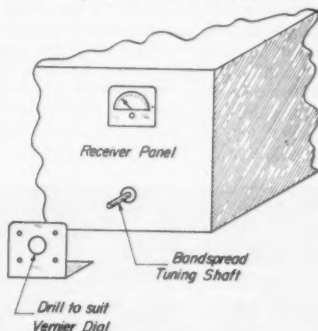


Fig. 1 — Here's the easy way to add that vernier dial to the bandspread tuning shaft of your receiver.

bandspread tuning condenser of your receiver without drilling into the panel. An angle bracket is formed to fit under the front edge of the receiver so that the vernier dial can be applied. Most receivers are heavy enough to hold the bracket in position without additional support, but if necessary, small self-tapping screws can be passed through the horizontal lip into the bottom plate of the receiver. — *Robert J. Morrison, VO6VB*

CHECKING CRYSTAL FREQUENCY

The method described below is a simple way to determine the approximate fundamental frequency of an unknown quartz crystal. It is especially useful in checking surplus crystals, many of which are unmarked, or at best marked only with a channel number.

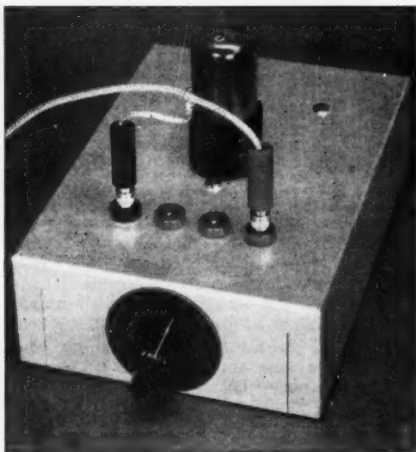
Connect the crystal in series with the antenna to a receiver that tunes the proper range. A BC-453 (Q5-er) can be used to check low-frequency units, and the station communications receiver for the rest. Turn up the gain of the receiver until the background noise is heard plainly, and tune until a definite "ping," or a change in noise level is heard. This occurs at the fundamental only. The method is not accurate enough to depend on for more than a rough check, but it does eliminate the need for construction of a separate oscillator just to find the approximate frequency of the crystal. — *Arthur C. Erdman, W8VWX*

An Inexpensive Sine-Wave Audio Oscillator

A Simple Unit for Audio Checking or Code Practice

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AT one time or another many of us have tuned up a 'phone transmitter by using the "shout, whistle and watch-the-plate meter" system. There can be no denying that this method of adjustment has resulted in many good sounding 'phone signals. On the other hand, the throat-and-eye test is neither adequate nor convenient for trouble shooting made necessary by audio equipment defects or deficiencies. Audio-circuit tests are best made with the aid of a steady, stable input signal and an oscilloscope. Very often it is the more simple instrument — an audio oscillator — that is not available.



Simple audio oscillator using a twin triode. Tip-jacks are used as the output terminals and the variable attenuator is located on the front chassis wall.

The simple one-tube oscillator shown in the accompanying photographs can be built from a handful of parts in less time than it would take to drive across town to the friend who owns a commercial model. It incorporates the features useful in 'phone transmitter testing — sine-wave output, low output impedance, and a wide range of attenuation. The cost of new parts is less than ten dollars.

The wiring diagram, Fig. 1, shows that one half of a Type 6SN7GT tube is used in a Colpitts circuit. This section oscillates at approximately 450 cycles and the sine-wave output voltage is

fed to a cathode-follower circuit employing the second half of the twin triode. A variable attenuator and two ladder-type voltage dividers are included in the output circuit. Each divider reduces the output voltage by a factor of about 10 to 1. The maximum undistorted peak voltage obtainable from the unit is approximately 1.5 volts.

This particular oscillator-output combination was selected after several other circuits had been tested. The Colpitts was favored because it requires only a single triode tube, thus leaving the second half of a dual triode for use as a buffer and impedance transformer. Furthermore, the Colpitts will generate a good sine wave even when an inexpensive interstage transformer — iron core included — is used as the inductor for the frequency-control circuit. With the other circuits tested, it was necessary to employ both sections of the 6SN7GT for the oscillator or else to use a fairly high-inductance filter choke from which the core had been removed.

The frequency of oscillation is determined by the inductance of the winding that is normally the secondary of T_1 and the effective capacitance of the series-connected capacitors, C_2 and C_3 . The junction of these two capacitances is connected to the cathode of the oscillator triode. Resistor R_2 provides a d.c. ground return for the plate circuit of the oscillator and also serves as a cathode-isolating resistor for the audio frequency. Output from the oscillator is coupled to the cathode follower by means of the primary winding of T_1 .

The cathode-follower circuit uses the variable attenuator, R_3 , as the bias resistor. Audio output is coupled through C_4 to the fixed attenuators.

The heater and plate-supply requirements for the unit are 6.3 volts a.c. at 0.3 amp. and 150 volts d.c. at 7.5 ma.

Construction

The top and bottom views of the oscillator show the parts mounted on a $5 \times 7 \times 2$ -inch chassis. The layout may be made to suit the tastes of the individual, but the types and values of C and L for the oscillator tank circuit are critical factors, and the specified transformer and capacitors should be used if at all possible. If substitutions are made the waveshape and output voltage of the oscillator should be checked with an oscilloscope. When checking with the 'scope, first observe the waveform at the grid of the cathode follower. If it is not a good sine wave the probable trouble is in the tank components,

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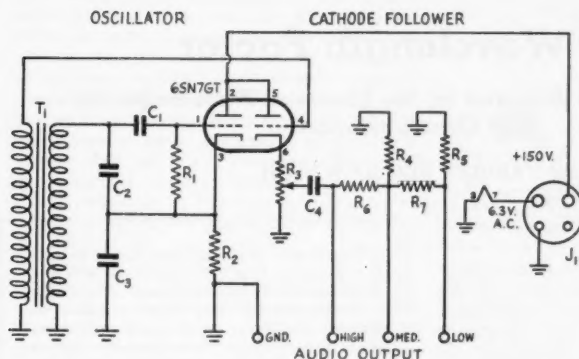


Fig. 1 — Wiring diagram of the audio oscillator.

- C_1, C_4 — 0.1- μ fd. 600-volt tubular.
 C_2 — 0.04- μ fd. 600-volt tubular (Sprague TM-14).
 C_3 — 0.03- μ fd. 600-volt tubular (Sprague TM-13).
 R_1 — 1.0 megohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R_2 — 10,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R_3 — 5000-ohm potentiometer.
 R_4, R_5 — 4700 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 R_6, R_7 — 47,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.
 J_1 — 4-prong male plug.
 T_1 — Interstage transformer, 1:1 ratio (Stancor A-4711).

particularly capacitors C_2 and C_3 . The circuit is quite critical as to the type used and even may refuse to oscillate with the common cardboard-cased paper tubulars. If a sine wave is obtained at the grid of the output tube, the 'scope should then be connected to the high-output terminal. If the output appears to be clipped, it is necessary to reduce the input to the cathode follower. This can be done by lowering the oscillator cathode resistance, R_2 . The turns ratio of the interstage transformer also is important. A ratio other than 1 to 1 will result either in excessive drive for the output tube or a reduction in output voltage.

The output cable for the oscillator is made

from a length of Belden type 8885 shielded wire. One end of the cable is terminated with a pair of insulated 'phone tips and the output end of the lead is soldered to a set of alligator clips.

Chapter 9 of the *Handbook* explains how a simple audio oscillator can be used for checking a 'phone transmitter. It can also be used for trouble shooting in receiver audio circuits or any other purposes — such as code practice — for which a fixed-frequency audio oscillator is useful.



25 Years Ago
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... With deep regret, *QST* announces the resignation of John M. Clayton, 1DQ, assistant technical editor. He goes to New York City to become assistant secretary of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

... Ross A. Hull, oa3JU, honorary federal secretary of the Wireless Institute of Australia, has associated himself with ARRL Headquarters and is in charge of Information Service.

... The Old Man returns with pointed comments. He decries "Rotten Reasons" for some to believe that the average amateur's interest in his hobby is tending to wane.

... The Colpitts circuit is discussed by Technical Editor Robert S. Kruse in the third of his "How Our Tube Circuits Work" series.

... 2EB of Jamaica, Long Island, will test with a power of one kilowatt on 5 meters at scheduled periods for the benefit of Australian and European observers.

... "An Airplane Transmitter" by R. S. Briggs, 1BVIL and G. H. Browning, describes a 70- to 120-meter range rig for aeronautical use employing UX-201-A tubes throughout.

... Robert H. Marriott writes on the new Loftin-White magnetic-electric coupling circuit.

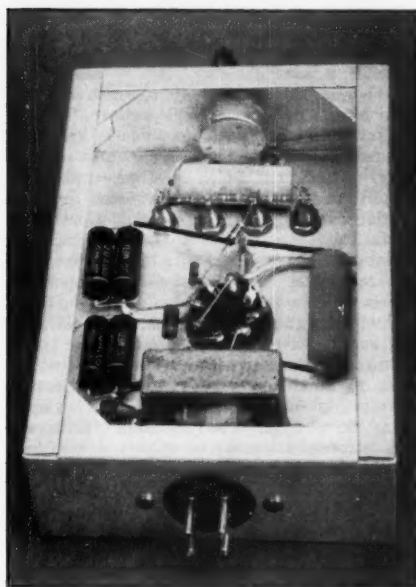
... Hammarlund announces a two-plate screw-type neutralizing condenser, adjustable from 2 to 50 micro-microfarads.

... A ready-made quartz crystal mounting is now available, offered by General Radio of Cambridge.

... In DXing circles, Austria, Madagascar, Iceland, the Madeiras and the Leewards are rare countries reported on the air.

... Canadian 3VS gives interesting observations on the effect of the aurora borealis on short waves and 8BAD adds his opinions concerning peculiarities of short-wave fading.

... IBIG, winner of the Traffic Trophy, and ne5AO, "on top of the world" in Canada's far north, are described.



This bottom view of the test oscillator shows the interstage transformer mounted to the rear of the tube socket. Resistors for the ladder-type attenuators are supported by the terminals of the output jacks. The power plug is mounted at the rear of the chassis.

The Wavelength Factor

Influence of the Antenna on the Choice of Wavelength for Best Communication

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GOOD radio operating always requires detailed knowledge of the properties of all wavelengths available and the intelligent choice of the one best suited for a particular purpose. At the present time two general problems facing the amateur fraternity require particular consideration of this subject: (a) selection of the best band for Civil Defense nets, and (b) the development of the microwave bands, which is stimulated by the recent establishment of Technician Class licenses.

Superficially, the selection of a band for Civil Defense and the development of the microwave bands appear unrelated questions. However, the same reasoning may be applied to both, although with completely opposite conclusions. It will be shown partly in this article and partly in others to follow that, except for ionospheric communication, there is every advantage in placing mobile operation on the longest possible wavelength, while the u.h.f. and microwave bands are suited for fixed-station operation partly because of the necessity for using high-gain antennas with narrow beam widths and partly because of the complexity of the apparatus required to exploit the chief advantages of these very short waves.

At the lower frequencies the choice is based primarily on the ionospheric properties of the various bands, as these are by far the most important. However, at frequencies greater than 50 Mc. — as well as in ground-wave operation at lower frequencies, where the ionosphere plays no part — the principal factors governing the choice of a band are instrumental: that is, the characteristics of the transmitter, receiver, and especially the antennas, although there are also some effects produced by the lower atmosphere. For sky-wave operation at the lower frequencies the instrumental effects are also present, of course, but to a large extent are obscured by the ionospheric ones. The purpose of this article is to review these instrumental effects in the hope of aiding the solution of the problems mentioned above. Ionospheric effects at the lower frequencies will not be discussed; those readers whose main interest is in sky-wave communication may nevertheless find some of the topics to be of value.

Most of the instrumental factors are very familiar by name. A list of the more important ones follows:

- Transmitter power.
- Type of modulation.

• The choice of the optimum wavelength for a given type of communication — fixed station to mobile, fixed to fixed, etc. — is considered objectively, based on known principles of antenna operation. The conclusions that logically follow may be surprising to many amateurs, especially those not familiar with the "effective area" concept.

Although the discussion here and in subsequent articles principally deals with v.h.f. and u.h.f., the low-frequency man will find it of considerable interest, too.

Gain and efficiency of the transmitting antenna.

Gain and efficiency of the receiving antenna.

Noise figure of the receiver.

Bandwidths of the r.f., i.f., and a.f. portions of the receiver.

Gain of the receiver.

Overload properties of the receiver.

Type of demodulation.

Relative frequency stability of the transmitter and receiver.

There remains one more item, which although familiar to engineers and physicists who have worked on microwaves, is not widely known in amateur circles: the equivalent area of the receiving antenna, which is a measure of the effectiveness of the receiving antenna in intercepting radiation. As one would expect, the equivalent area is related to the gain, and whenever anything is done to increase the gain, the equivalent area increases in proportion. However, gain is not the only consideration. The equivalent area also depends, as we shall see, on the wavelength. The gain of the transmitting antenna and the equivalent area of the receiving antenna are the two most important instrumental factors in the selection of an optimum wavelength, and therefore these will receive special attention.

The Antenna Factors

Before going any further let us define a few terms to prevent confusion. Not all of the power supplied to a transmitting antenna is radiated. Some of it heats up the metal conductors of the antenna. The ratio of the total power radiated to the total power supplied is the *efficiency* of the antenna. The radiated power, however, is distributed over many different directions. The ability of the antenna to concentrate its radiated

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power in a preferred direction or directions is called the *gain* of the antenna. More quantitatively, the gain of an antenna is specified with reference to a standard antenna. It is the ratio of the power radiated (per unit solid angle) in the preferred direction, by the antenna in question, to the power radiated in the preferred direction by the standard antenna. It is assumed, of course, that the total power radiated in all directions is the same for both antennas.

The definitions of efficiency and gain of receiving antennas are similar. The efficiency is the ratio of the power supplied to the input terminals of the receiver to the total power extracted from the radiation. The gain is the ability of the antenna to discriminate in favor of signals coming from a desired direction or directions over signals coming from other directions and is usually specified numerically with respect to a standard antenna. As a result of the so-called "reciprocity theorem," the directional properties of a given antenna are the same when it is used as a receiving antenna as when it is used as transmitting antenna. Therefore, the numerical values of the gain are the same for both applications.

Two types of antennas are used as a standard for the specification of gain. One of these is an imaginary antenna which would radiate equally well in all directions, called an "isotropic" antenna. The other is a half-wave dipole, which has zero radiation along its axis and a maximum in the plane at right angles to the axis. The power radiated (per unit solid angle) in the directions of maximum radiation of a half-wave dipole is 1.64 times (2.1 db.) that radiated in any direction by an isotropic antenna radiating the same total power. Therefore, gains expressed in terms of the isotropic antenna may be expressed with respect to a half-wave dipole by dividing by 1.64 (or subtracting 2.1 db.). In the present article the isotropic antenna will be used as a standard.

With these definitions in mind we shall explain why the equivalent area of a receiving antenna depends upon the wavelength. Let us suppose that we have a receiving antenna of some definite type — for example, a three-element broadside array — pointed at a transmitter. Then suppose that the wavelength of the transmitter is doubled, keeping the efficiency and gain of the transmitting antenna and the power of the transmitter the same. No longer will our receiving broadside array operate correctly. We must double both the element length and the spacing. In doing this we do not change the directive properties nor the gain. Nevertheless, the array "looks bigger" to the transmitting antenna and therefore is

¹ Although this formula is simple to write and to apply, its proof involves a lengthy application of advanced electromagnetic theory. A proof may be found in Chapters V and VI of *Microwave Transmission*, by J. C. Slater, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1942. However, Slater's results are not in the form of our equation, which more recently has been widely used in other books. Slater defines a quantity "the absorption area," which is equal to our "equivalent area" divided by the gain, and he proves that this is equal to $\lambda^2/4\pi$ for antennas of all types.



more effective in intercepting the radiation, just as a large pan will collect more water in a rainstorm than a small pan.

We shall defer a precise definition of equivalent area to a later article. When this is done, there is a very simple formula¹ relating the gain, G , the equivalent area, A , and the wavelength, λ :

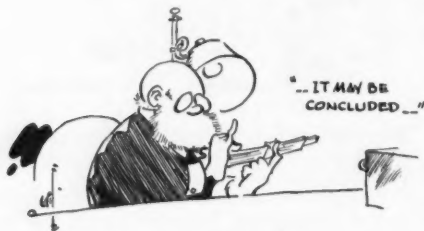
$$A = \frac{G\lambda^2}{4\pi} \quad (1)$$

This formula is general and applies to antennas of all types. It shows, as we expected, that A is proportional to the gain and also that A increases with the square of the wavelength. If, as in our example, we double the wavelength and keep the gain constant, the equivalent area and therefore the strength of the signal would increase by a factor of 4 (or 6 db.); or if we increase the wavelength by a factor of 3, the received signal increases by a factor of 9 (or 9.5 db.). Equation (1) shows also, since G is a pure ratio, that A has the same units as λ^2 , which are square meters, square centimeters, or possibly square feet. These are, of course, units of geometrical area. This gives still further significance to the concept of equivalent area.

Finally, in the case of large broadside arrays, horns, and parabolic-mirror antennas, the effective area is between 40 and 100 per cent of the actual geometrical area of cross-section of the antenna. Therefore, the effectiveness of these antennas for receiving depends primarily on their geometrical areas. For example, if we replace a large broadside array by another one having the same area but operating at twice the wavelength, to operate correctly the new array requires elements of twice the length and twice the spacing, and therefore will have approximately one quarter the number of elements. Because of the smaller number of elements the gain will be reduced and the beam width will be greater. In order that Equation (1) will be satisfied we conclude that the gain must have been reduced by a factor of 4, and in general we may conclude that for antennas of the types mentioned having constant area the gain varies inversely with the square of the wavelength. It can be inferred that much of this reasoning also applies to end-fire and linear arrays, except for the fact that with them there is no related geometrical area that may be so clearly identified with the equivalent area.

It may be concluded that the effectiveness of

a receiving antenna—that is, its equivalent area—(a) increases with the square of the wavelength if the antenna has constant gain, and therefore the wavelength from this point of view should be as long as possible, while (b) it is independent of the wavelength if the antenna is a directional array of constant geometrical area.



The Transmitting Antenna

While the strength of the received signal depends on the equivalent area of the receiving antenna, its dependence upon the properties of a high-efficiency transmitting antenna is through the gain. Therefore, many of our previous arguments have to be reversed when applied to transmitting antennas. As long as the transmitting-antenna gain is constant, there is no advantage of any wavelength over another so far as the transmitting antenna is concerned. But, if we are limited to a definite size—or, more exactly, a definite area—we see that the wavelength should be as short as possible because the gain varies inversely with the square of the wavelength.

However, if we attempt to operate with antennas of very high gain we must expect that as the gain increases the beam width will become narrower, and for certain purposes it may become so narrow as to give difficulty. For example, a parabolic mirror antenna 3 feet in diameter operating in the 3300-Mc. band (9 cm. wavelength) would have a gain of approximately 800 (or 29 db.) and a beam width of approximately 7 degrees between the extreme directions at which the power gain is one-half maximum. The difficulties in general coverage operation without prearranged schedules, using an antenna with a beam width of only 7 degrees, may be seen by comparison with the following angles: The New York City limits (not including suburbs) would subtend an angle of 15 degrees from Philadelphia (75 miles away) and 7 degrees from Boston (180 miles away). Also, Los Angeles and San Francisco differ in direction as "viewed" from New York by 7 degrees.

Some alleviation could be obtained by using an antenna with greater vertical directivity than horizontal. However, there is a practical limit to usable vertical directivity because of errors in

² If θ is measured in radians and if λ and d have the same units, the constant 2.3 is replaced by 1.22. Readers who have taken a college course in elementary physics will then recognize this formula as that for the half angular width of the central maximum of the diffraction pattern of a circular aperture.

alignment, unevenness of the ground, and atmospheric effects. This writer would guess that a vertical beam width of 10 degrees and a horizontal width of 45 degrees would be the most narrow beam that could be tolerated in operation without prearranged schedules. In the case of parabolic mirrors and horns, the beam width, θ , in degrees, is given approximately by a simple formula:

$$\theta = 2.3 \frac{\lambda}{d}, \quad (2)$$

where the wavelength, λ , is expressed in centimeters. This formula applies to antennas of circular cross-section, strictly speaking.² In this case d is the diameter expressed in feet. However, little additional error is introduced if the formula is applied to antennas of rectangular cross-section. In this case d represents the dimension in feet corresponding to the plane in which θ is measured. Thus for the horizontal beam width, d would represent the width of the antenna. Probably the error in this formula is not greater than 25 per cent for antennas which are adjusted correctly. More accurate formulas would take into consideration the exact shape as well as other details neglected in the present article.

Table I gives the approximate dimensions of parabolic mirror or horn type antennas which according to Equation (2) would have a horizontal beam width of 45 degrees and a vertical beam width of 10 degrees for three amateur bands of interest. In all three cases the gain is about 135 (or 21 db.).



The upper limit on the size of an antenna depends upon the financial resources and mechanical skill of the builder. Undoubtedly, the following figures can be or have been exceeded, but it is unlikely that antennas larger than those indicated would be built often. A mirror or horn 5.7 feet by 1.7 feet is of practical size, but ones 16 feet by 3.6 feet would be too large for convenience. Therefore, the 1215-Mc. band is probably the lowest frequency where antennas of this type and beam width would be used. However, because of its open construction a broadside antenna 16 feet by 3.6 feet and having about 40 half-wave elements for the 420-Mc. band is within the possibility of practical construction. Such an antenna would have approximately the same equivalent area and gain, but it would be bi-directional and therefore it is to be presumed

TABLE I

| Frequency (Mc.) | Wavelength (cm.) | Height (ft.) | Width (ft.) |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 220 | 136 (4.5 ft.) | 31 | 7 |
| 420 | 72 (2.4 ft.) | 16 | 3.6 |
| 1215 | 25 (0.82 ft.) | 5.7 | 1.25 |

that the major lobes would be somewhat narrower than 45×10 degrees. By adding a group of elements to act as reflectors the array could be made unidirectional, but then the gain would be somewhat greater and the beam width somewhat smaller than 45×10 degrees. This could be corrected by reducing the cross-section of the antenna slightly. The adjustment of an antenna with 40 elements is, of course, a problem but not an insurmountable one. These arguments tend to indicate that an antenna of the minimum usable beam width and maximum gain for general coverage operation is within the realm of practical possibility for the 420-Mc. band. At the same time it may be inferred that such an antenna for 220 Mc. would be too large for the resources generally available.

Of course, it is the combined performance of the transmitting and receiving antennas which is significant in the choice of a wavelength. This subject will be summarized a little farther on. For the moment, however, we shall consider some antennas of types that are of principal interest at the longer wavelengths.

Dipoles, "Super-Gain" Antennas, and Unorthodox Antennas

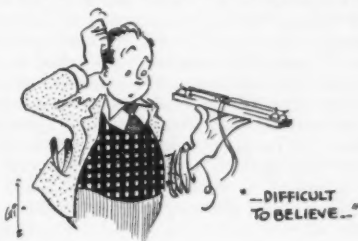
As mentioned previously, the gain of a half-wave dipole is 1.64 relative to an isotropic antenna. Its equivalent area then may be calculated by substituting this value into Equation (1). Since by definition the length is one-half wavelength, we may conclude that the equivalent area depends upon the geometrical size of the antenna. Thus the properties of the half-wave dipole are not in contradiction with any of the ideas we have considered.

If we now consider what happens if we replace a half-wave dipole by one considerably shorter, we shall encounter a situation which is very different in several respects. The radiation pattern of a "short" dipole in free space is similar in general to that of the half-wave dipole, having a zero along the axis and a maximum in the plane at right angles to the axis. However, in detail the pattern is slightly different, resulting in a gain of 1.5 (or 1.7 db.) instead of 1.64 (or 2.1 db.). Thus the gain of the short dipole is 0.91 (or minus 0.4 db.) relative to the half-wave dipole. If we substitute the value $G = 1.5$ into Equation (1), we find for the equivalent area

$$\frac{1.5\lambda^2}{4\pi}$$

while for the half-wave dipole we would have the factor 1.5 replaced by 1.64. However, we are no longer required by definition to change the

length of the dipole every time we change the wavelength, and therefore we conclude that with the short dipole both the gain and equivalent area are independent of the geometrical size. Furthermore, it would appear that by replacing a half-wave dipole by one very much shorter we still have an antenna that is 91 per cent as effective in both transmitting and receiving! This conclusion is difficult to believe, although to a large



extent it is true. However, this situation requires us to consider a matter that we have been able to overlook up to now: the efficiency.

A transmitting antenna is characterized by a quantity called the radiation resistance, referred to a point which is usually taken at the center of a dipole or, in the case of long-wire antennas, at a current loop. The radiation resistance is defined in such a way that when its value is multiplied by the square of the current flowing at that point one obtains the radiated power. This impedance is quite real in the sense that it may be measured by an impedance bridge connected to the antenna. The value of the radiation resistance and the measured current will vary with the choice of reference point, although the changes in the resistance and current are interrelated in such a way as to keep the power constant. Therefore, by itself the value of radiation resistance has little meaning; only when it may be compared with other resistances in the output circuit does its value have significance. These other resistances include the plate resistance of the final amplifier, losses in the final tank, antenna coupler, transmission line, and the radiator itself. By consideration of the impedance step-up properties of the intervening circuit, the equivalent series resistance at the reference point due to each of these may be determined. If the radiation resistance is high compared with the total of these other equivalent resistances, the efficiency is large; if it is low in comparison, the efficiency is poor. If the antenna is used for receiving, the efficiency (and also the noise figure) will depend in a similar fashion upon the comparison of the radiation resistance with the total equivalent resistance resulting from portions of the input circuit as far as the grid of the first tube.

It is true that the voltage developed across the terminals of a perfect voltmeter connected to a short dipole will increase in proportion to the length of the dipole. However, the radiation resistance also varies with the square of the length in order to keep the available power and there-

fore the equivalent area independent of the length, as required by our formula. Therefore, as we decrease the length of an already "short" dipole while keeping the wavelength constant, the radiation resistance will drop until it becomes comparable with or even smaller than the equivalent resistance of the rest of the circuit, with a deterioration of efficiency.

Some countermeasures may be taken against this loss in efficiency. On the one hand, we may load the antenna in various ways to raise the radiation resistance. On the other hand, losses may be reduced by using heavy conductors in the antenna and elsewhere, and components of high quality. From the widespread success of 4-Mc. mobile stations with 10-foot antennas operating against the car body as ground it may be concluded that dipoles of a twenty-fifth and possibly one-fiftieth of a wavelength can be made of sufficiently great efficiency to be practical.

The effect of low antenna resistance and these countermeasures combine to make the circuit very selective, necessitating retuning for very slight changes in frequency. In itself this is not always a disadvantage, since it may result in the suppression of unwanted signals in receiving and suppression of unwanted harmonics in transmitting. However, the design of the coupling circuit may depend in an important way upon parasitic capacities and the L/C ratio in the antenna coupler, factors that ordinarily have little effect. Also, in transmitters very high voltages may be developed across the variable condensers with the result that these may have to have higher voltage ratings than usual with transmitters of the same power. The coils must be of low-loss construction, and changing inductance by shorting turns will



result in a serious loss of efficiency. Finally, the performance will be affected by rain and swaying in the wind.

Advanced antenna theory indicates that it is possible to build antennas of any desired gain with arbitrarily small size, or at least of much smaller size than is in accord with present practical designs. However, Chu has shown² that as the size is reduced the radiation resistance of these "supergain" antennas falls, with the result of reduced efficiency and bandwidth. Therefore,

while high-gain antennas of small size may exist in theory, the theory also predicts that they will be of limited practicality. Although the short dipole perhaps is not included in the definition of a "supergain" antenna, its behavior as described above is completely in accord with that of antennas of this type.

Incidentally, the reasoning of the previous paragraphs justifies theoretically the success of the many unorthodox antennas put up by amateurs because of lack of adequate space, unsympathetic landlords, or laziness. The requirement that a dipole or a long-wire antenna be cut exactly to "resonance" is to a large extent superstition.

The Antenna Factors Summarized

The combined effects of the transmitting and receiving antennas as dependent upon the wavelength may be summarized conveniently by considering three cases which correspond more or less exactly to most situations likely to be encountered. In the following it is assumed that a mobile station would use a dipole, or at any rate an antenna of very little gain. The question of efficiency will be neglected.

1) *Both antennas having constant gain.* This situation is likely to be encountered at any wavelength when both stations are mobile, and almost inevitably also by fixed stations at low frequencies. In this case the effectiveness of the transmitting antenna will be independent of wavelength, while the equivalent area of the receiving antenna will increase with the square of the wavelength. Hence in this case the wavelength should be as long as possible.

2) *Both antennas of constant size.* This is the situation encountered normally with fixed v.h.f. and microwave stations. The equivalent area of the receiving antenna will be independent of the wavelength while the gain of the transmitting antenna will increase inversely with the square of the wavelength. Therefore, the wavelength should be as short as possible, provided that the beam widths do not become too narrow. According to the considerations of Table I, we may conclude that the most favorable antenna factors for general coverage operation would be realized in the 420-Mc. band under practical conditions. For point-to-point operation on prearranged schedules, much higher frequencies would be desirable.

3) *Station A having antenna of fixed gain, while Station B has antenna of fixed size.* This might be encountered with a fixed station with a rotary beam antenna in communication with a mobile station. When Station A transmits, the gain of the transmitting antenna and the equivalent area of the receiving antenna are both independent of the wavelength. When Station B transmits, the gain of the transmitting antenna varies inversely with the square of the wavelength, but this is compensated exactly by the equivalent area of the receiving antenna, which varies directly with the square of the wavelength. Thus in both cases there is no over-all dependence upon the wave-

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² L. J. Chu, *Journal of Applied Physics*, Vol. 19, page 1163 (1948)

Fundamental Teletypewriter Operation

Signaling Systems and Basic Circuits

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WHILE radio communication to the average amateur classifies itself into two means of "thought transfer" —communication by 'phone and c.w. — within the last few years there has been a growing interest in a new form of ham communication, namely, radio teletypewriter communication. Unfortunately, unless one has had experience with the commercial or military application of RTTY, there is a rather vague understanding of the principles involved. However, the circuits and equipment used represent no unorthodox approaches. Circuitry, while perhaps not so familiar as that used in c.w. and 'phone equipment, is standard and well-defined. It is merely the combination of low-frequency (a.f.) circuits with high-frequency circuits used every day. Assuming the reader is an amateur with an average background, the following should not be difficult, nor should the principles involved be too unfamiliar. Since the scope must be limited, the individual phases will not be delved into too deeply.

Communication by c.w. makes use of transmitted signals which are broken up, or keyed, in accordance with a prearranged code. The code normally consists of short pulses (dots), long pulses (dashes), single spaces, letter spaces and word spaces, the only object of the single spaces being the separation of dots and dashes. Communication by teletypewriter, or "printer," is also based on a "code." There are several differences, however, which should prove interesting. In contrast to the Morse code in which the symbols vary in time length from a single dot (letter E) to five dashes (numeral 0), all TTY symbols are of the same over-all length. This standard length of time is divided up into seven standard units or blocks, as shown in Fig. 1. In the simplest teletype system, the dark spaces indicate time blocks during which a signal is being transmitted (called "mark"), while the empty blocks indicate time units during which no signal is transmitted (called "space"). In comparing teletype code with Morse code, it can be said that the former consists of dashes (or perhaps more correctly, dots) of various lengths, and spaces of various lengths. Five of these unit blocks (those numbered in Fig. 1) designate the letter (or other character). It can be seen, for instance, that the TTY code for the letter A is a sequence of two mark units followed by three space units; the code for the letter N consists of two space units, followed by two mark units, and another space unit. In the TTY code, there is no equivalent for the space between letters as in Morse code. But, as indicated in Fig. 1, the starting of a new letter is indicated by the "transmission" of a space,

while the end of each letter is indicated by a mark. This "stop" mark is slightly longer than the standard unit mark. For 60-w.p.m. transmission, each mark or space unit is 22 milliseconds long, while the stop mark is 1.43 times this length, or 31 milliseconds. Thus all characters have a total time length, including the start and stop units, of 163 milliseconds. While a transmission speed of 60 w.p.m. is more or less standard, it can be raised or lowered. Actually, in the preferred systems, discussed later, a signal is transmitted during the space block, as well as during a mark block, a different frequency (audio or r.f.) being used for each (two differently polarized voltages in the case of wire lines).

Keying of the characters and conversion of the received pulses into mechanical movement of a type-carrying anvil are accomplished in the tele-

| CHARACTERS | U.C. | L.C. | START | SELECTING | | | | | STOP |
|------------|------|------|-------|-----------|---|---|---|---|------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| A | — | | | | | | | | |
| B | ? | | | | | | | | |
| C | : | | | | | | | | |
| D | \$ | | | | | | | | |
| E | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| F | ! | | | | | | | | |
| G | & | | | | | | | | |
| H | STOP | | | | | | | | |
| I | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| J | ' | | | | | | | | |
| K | (| | | | | | | | |
| L |) | | | | | | | | |
| M | . | | | | | | | | |
| N | , | | | | | | | | |
| O | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| P | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Q | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| R | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| S | BELL | | | | | | | | |
| T | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| U | 7 | | | | | | | | |
| V | : | | | | | | | | |
| W | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| X | / | | | | | | | | |
| Y | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Z | " | | | | | | | | |
| BLANK | | | | | | | | | |
| SPACE | | | | | | | | | |
| CAR. RET. | | | | | | | | | |
| LINE FEED | | | | | | | | | |
| FIGURES | | | | | | | | | |
| LETTERS | | | | | | | | | |

Fig. 1 — The "five-unit" teletypewriter code.

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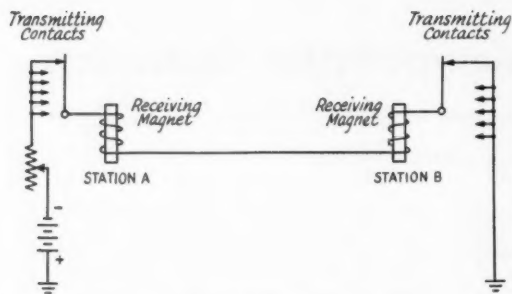


Fig. 2 — Simplified neutral type of control.

printer machine. The machines are used instead of the keys and sounders used in regular line telegraphy. Each machine consists of a transmitting keyboard and a receiving and printing mechanism. Depressing a key on the printer keyboard releases the transmitting mechanism and automatically keys the correct series of pulses over the line to the receiving printer. The receiving printer translates the received impulses into a mechanical action so that the printing portion of the machine may select and print the proper character. Each key of the transmitting portion of the teleprinter sends a different sequence of pulses and the receiving portion at the other end of the line will react to this difference in sequence by printing a different letter or numeral, or perform some other standard function, such as returning the carriage, etc. The teleprinters transmit any one of the 26 letters of the alphabet and 24 different characters and numerals. In addition, the functions of carriage return, line feed, letter shift, figure shift, space, blank, signal bell and motor stop can be performed by pressing a key for each. There are specialized versions of a standard keyboard in existence which substitute special symbols in place of standard letters or numerals. Among these is the weather-symbol machine used in weather-forecast work.

In wire teleprinter operation are two basic types of operation, known as "polar" and "neutral." Each has its own merits. In present amateur systems, standardization is imminent and the neutral system is being considered very favorably, although no decision has yet been reached. Briefly, a neutral system is one where the operation of the selector magnets or relays is independent of the direction of current flow through the windings, so either terminal of the battery or rectifier supplying them can be connected to the line. (It is standard practice to ground the positive side of the supply and apply the negative side to the line, however.) Signaling is accomplished by interrupting the current flow at specific intervals in accordance with the transmitted sequence of mark or space impulses. The result is a current, no-current type of operation,

where the interval during which current flows is the mark and the no-current interval the space. This system is shown in simplified form in Fig. 2.

In polarized operation, shown in Fig. 3, the principal difference is that marking or spacing conditions are obtained by reversing the polarity of the applied voltage, rather than by interrupting the line circuit. While the neutral system is easiest and cheapest to install and maintain, polarized operation is preferred for use over long lines because it is not affected to any considerable degree by the distributed capacitance and inductance of the line. In amateur work, the only line involved is from the machine to the transmitter and receiver so that line characteristics are usually not a consideration.

Application to Radio Communication

In applying radio teletype to radio communication, the principles of operation are unchanged. However, in the preferred systems, it is necessary to convert the d.c. pulses normally applied to the line to a form suitable for use with the system selected. Two systems are in most common use. In one of these systems, the d.c. marking and spacing pulses are used to key a relay that causes an audio oscillator to alternate between two standard frequencies — 2975 cycles for space and

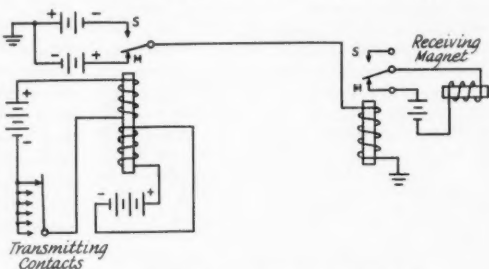


Fig. 3 — Simplified polar-type teletype circuit.

2125 cycles for mark. The two tones are then used to modulate the carrier of a regular 'phone transmitter. This system is known as "a.f.s.k." (audio-frequency-shift keying). Better signal-to-noise ratio and an increase in the effective power of the transmitter is obtained with the second system, known as "f.s.k." (frequency-shift keying). In this system, the carrier is not modulated, but its frequency is shifted by the same number of cycles as in a.f.s.k. Then, the b.f.o. in the receiver is adjusted to produce the audio beats of 2975 and 2125 cycles in the audio output of the receiver. The desired change in carrier frequency is usually accomplished through the use of a reactance modulator working on the oscillator, as in other f.m. systems.

A block diagram of the converter used at the receiving end of the circuit to change the audio tone back to d.c. pulses to operate the receiving

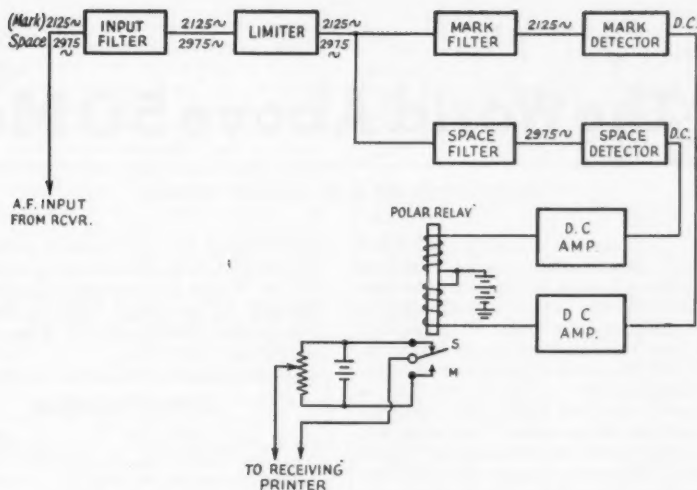


Fig. 4 — Block diagram of converter system for f.s.k. and a.f.s.k.

printer is shown in Fig. 4. The two audio tones are fed into a filter that passes the two frequencies but excludes noise frequencies outside the pass-band. The signal then passes to a limiter that holds the output constant over a wide range of signal-strength variations. The signal is then fed into two sharp filters, one passing 2975 and the other 2125 cycles. Thus the two audio tones are divided into two separate channels. Each signal is then rectified, and the d.c. pulses stepped up in d.c. amplifiers to the level needed to operate the

polarized relay controlling the receiving printing mechanism.

This, in brief, describes the more important principles involved. There are, of course, many refinements which often make it possible to operate printer service over circuits where other types of communication could not be carried out reliably. It is hoped, however, that this will serve to answer some of the questions that arise in the mind of the average ham when he hears RTTY mentioned.

Quist Quiz

A tells his friend **B** that the receiver he bought is no good — that the b.f.o. is noisy and he doesn't know what to do except to return the receiver. He knows the b.f.o. is noisy because when he turns it on the receiver noise increases. **B** tells him not to return the receiver, that it is a simple job to reduce the b.f.o. voltage and reduce the noise. Which course should be followed?

(Please turn to page 122 for the answer)

Strays

W2 QSL Bureau Manager Hank Yahnel, W2SN, had "practically nothing to do" in 1951. He handled only 55,075 cards. His record high was 105,050 in 1949 followed by a mere 90,780 total in 1950. Poor DX conditions may explain the decrease in volume. Or could it be by this time almost everybody has worked everybody else?

Silent Keys

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

W1FMV, Arthur Gray, Orange, Conn.
 W1GZ, Nestor W. Stolba, Fitchburg, Mass.
 K2AW, J. Charles Hauff, Bronx, N. Y.
 W2JID, Lloyd Moore Peterson, Fayetteville, N. Y.
 W2WUH, B. A. Gorrell, Jackson Heights, N. Y.
 W2ZMJ, Vernon Whiting, Bronx, N. Y.
 W5QIV, Raymond Bell, Plano, Texas
 W5TA, Raymond Collins, Dallas, Texas
 W7BQW, Dennis A. Price, Dayton, Wash.
 W8HRF, Carl H. Ludwig, Lorain, Ohio
 W8SGB, Raymond E. Stuke, Lancaster, Ohio
 W9AQG, Donald E. Martin, Aurora, Ill.
 W9DFZ, William J. Bender, Alexandria, Ind.
 W9FHC, E. J. Kunz, Randolph, Wis.
 W9MGG, Ray V. Zimmerman, Aurora, Ill.
 W8CZR, Francis A. Nelson, Denver, Colo.
 W8JB, John Raymond Derby, Denver, Colo.
 W8SJQ, Henry F. Kirk, Mendota, Minn.
 W8TLN, Herbert Erickson, Minneapolis, Minn.
 VE2AA, George A. Awcock, Drummondville, Que.
 VE3BNQ, A. S. Whetham, Hamilton, Ontario
 VK2BI, Perce G. Feeney, Sydney, N. S. W.



The World Above 50 Mc.

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WAS it tropospheric bending or sporadic-E skip? This question always comes up whenever 2-meter DX beyond a few hundred miles is reported. There is good reason for argument, too, as both types of propagation seem to have been involved in our several instances of 144-Mc. communication over distances of 1000 miles and more in this country. Now we have a report from New Zealand that looks like another point for the ionosphere. It is also the first instance of near-record DX to be reported outside this country. Watch out, 2-meter record holders!

The month of December in the Antipodes corresponds to our June, so it is the peak month for sporadic-E DX on 50 Mc. for the VKs and ZLs. At 7:41 P.M. New Zealand time on Dec. 15th, ZL3AR, Ashburton, New Zealand, worked VK2AH, Ryde, New South Wales, on 50 Mc. VK2AH then shifted to 144.16 Mc., and his signal came through S6, so ZL3AR changed to 146.19 Mc. and was received in Australia S8. Two-way contact was established at 7:45 P.M., and continued until 7:52. The distance is approximately 1230 miles.

There are several points of interest here, and they check with experience in this country. The distance, for example: all our 2-meter DX that has looked like sporadic-E skip for sure has been over distances of 1200 miles or more. The contact came when 50 Mc. was open for the same path. As we've had no indication of tropospheric communication on 50 Mc. over distances beyond about 400 miles, it appears that *E_s* opened this path, just as it seems to have done when 2 and 6 have been open simultaneously in this country. The path in this VK-ZL QSO is of interest. Note that Ashburton is in the east-central portion of New Zealand's South Island. The hop to Australia crosses the Southern Alps, a backbone ridge of mountains nearly comparable to our Rockies in height. Not the sort of terrain you'd be likely to cover by tropospheric bending. The latitudes and distances are not unlike hops from Portland to Amarillo, or Los Angeles to Omaha. Those would be nice DX on 2 in these United States!

The closing weeks of 1951 were not unkind to 50-Mc. enthusiasts in this country. W5SFW, Amarillo, Texas, found the band open every week end for five in a row through Dec. 16th, with some other openings scattered in between. W5FXN, Austin, caught W7QLZ on the night of the 2nd and worked W0MZJ, W4FBH, W4RBK, W9MFH and W9ZHL on the night of the 18th. W8UZ, Columbus, Ohio, worked W5SFW on the

9th and heard him and W5MJD working other W8s and 9s. George also had a productive session with the W1s on the evening of the 16th, as did W8s LPD GZ and NQD. W6GCG, San Mateo, Calif., worked W0SZU/5 at Ft. Bliss, Texas, on the evening of the 15th.

2-Meter Standings

| Call | | | Call | | |
|--------------------|----|------|--------------------|----|---|
| States Areas Miles | | | States Areas Miles | | |
| W1HDQ | 16 | 650 | W8SWV | 7 | 2 |
| W1IZY | 15 | 6750 | W5FBT | 6 | 2 |
| W1MNF | 14 | 570 | W5FEK | 6 | 2 |
| W1DJK | 13 | 520 | W5IRP | 6 | 2 |
| W1BCN | 13 | 500 | W5ONS | 5 | 2 |
| W1CTW | 12 | 4 | W5FSC | 5 | 2 |
| W1KLC | 12 | 4 | W5JLY | 4 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| W2BAV | 21 | 7 | W6ZL | 2 | 2 |
| W2NLY | 18 | 6 | W6WSQ | 2 | 2 |
| W2PAU | 16 | 6 | W6PJA | 2 | 2 |
| W2AZL | 16 | 6 | W6EXH | 2 | 2 |
| W2DFV | 13 | 5 | W6ZEM/6 | 1 | 1 |
| W2CET | 12 | 5 | W6GGM | 1 | 1 |
| W2DPB | 12 | 5 | W6YVG | 1 | 1 |
| W2QED | 12 | 5 | | | |
| W2PHJ | 12 | 5 | W8WJC | 21 | 7 |
| W2QNZ | 12 | 5 | W8BFQ | 21 | 7 |
| W2BVU | 12 | 4 | W8WRN | 19 | 7 |
| W2ORI | 8 | 6 | W8WVX | 18 | 8 |
| | | | W8UKS | 18 | 7 |
| W3NKM | 19 | 7 | W8EP | 17 | 7 |
| W3RUE | 18 | 7 | W8WSE | 16 | 7 |
| W3QKI | 16 | 7 | W8RWW | 16 | 7 |
| W3KWL | 15 | 7 | W8BAX | 15 | 6 |
| W3LNA | 14 | 7 | W8FQK | 13 | 7 |
| W3GKP | 14 | 6 | W8CYE | 12 | 6 |
| W3OWW | 13 | 6 | W8CPA | 12 | 6 |
| W3KUX | 12 | 5 | | | |
| W3PGV | 12 | 5 | W9FVJ | 20 | 7 |
| W3LMC | 11 | 4 | W9UCH | 20 | 7 |
| | | | W9SUV | 19 | 7 |
| W4MKJ | 16 | 7 | W9EQC | 18 | 7 |
| W4HHK | 15 | 6 | W9BOV | 15 | 6 |
| W4JDN | 13 | 6 | W9WOK | 15 | 5 |
| W4JFV | 13 | 5 | W9AFT | 14 | 5 |
| W4IKZ | 13 | 5 | W9NFK | 12 | 7 |
| W4JFU | 13 | 5 | W9UTIA | 12 | 7 |
| W4OXC | 13 | 7 | W9GTA | 11 | 5 |
| W4CLY | 12 | 5 | | | |
| W4JHC | 12 | 5 | W0IHD | 15 | 6 |
| W4OLK | 12 | 5 | W0NFM | 14 | 7 |
| W4FJ | 12 | 5 | W0EMS | 13 | 5 |
| W4LRR | 5 | 2 | W0ZJB | 12 | 7 |
| | | | W0WGG | 11 | 5 |
| W5JTI | 14 | 5 | W0HXY | 8 | 3 |
| W5QNL | 10 | 5 | W0JHS | 7 | 3 |
| W5MWW | 9 | 4 | | | |
| W5AJG | 9 | 3 | VE3AIB | 12 | 6 |
| W5ML | 9 | 3 | VE1QY | 11 | 4 |
| W5ERD | 8 | 3 | VE3BOW | 8 | 5 |
| W5VX | 7 | 4 | VE3BQN | 7 | 4 |
| W5VY | 7 | 3 | VE3TN | 7 | 4 |
| W5CVW | 7 | 2 | VE3BPB | 6 | 4 |
| W5ABN | 7 | 2 | VE3DER | 6 | 4 |
| | | | VE3EAB | 5 | 4 |

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These December openings seem to surprise many of the 6-meter gang, though they shouldn't. Years of experience have shown that we have a winter sporadic-E season, as well as a summer one. It's not as long, and the openings are not usually so widespread, but there are always some good DX chances in December and January. One cannot escape the feeling that many interesting opportunities are lost for want of activity in the right places in these winter sessions. On Dec. 16th, for example, there were all the indications that double-hop work should have been possible from the East, if there had been somebody in business in northwestern W7.

The band was open most of the day, and well into the evening. Conditions were good enough so that W1CTW, Arlington, Mass., was able to work W8s NQD GZ UZ LPD, W9MFH, W9QIN, and VE3AET, with 8 watts input to a portable transmitter-receiver unit designed for civil defense communication! (This rig, now being duplicated in quantity in the Boston area, will be appearing soon in *QST*.) Your conductor was hearing Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota simultaneously, and the Middle West stations were hearing W7s on 28 Mc. We've worked plenty of double-hop DX in summer openings when conditions appeared less favorable.

W3OJU, Washington, D. C., comments on the frequent reception of VE9RA and VE9RB, the Canadian beacon stations just outside the low edge of the band. Though these transmitters are of moderate power, and use omnidirectional antennas that keep their effective radiated power well below that of most 50-Mc. ham stations, Rick hears them often, even when there is no indication of DX activity otherwise.

The tremendous coverage of the high-powered station on 49.8 Mc. has demonstrated that the average 50-Mc. amateur is a lot closer to DX conditions at all times than we have realized heretofore. Even taking the large difference in power and antenna between that station and the usual amateur layout into consideration, one has only to listen to the signal regularly to realize that a ham station running safely inside the legal power limit might also be heard over similar distances fairly often. If we who have 50-Mc. gear would put it on the air regularly in all seasons, instead of when we just happen to feel like it, all of us would find life on 6 a lot more interesting. It is nothing less than the *duty* of those of us who have a real and continuing interest in the 50-Mc. band to make better use of it than we have been. Let's get going *now*—don't wait until next May!

Here and There on the V.H.F. Bands

The choice of crystal and multiplier frequencies to be used in a crystal-controlled converter should be made with local TV channels in mind, unless one is prepared to do a TVI job on the stages involved. W2OWQ reports that he made large black bars on Channel 4 with the line-up (the 6BQ7 job for 144 Mc.) described in *QST* for September, 1951. The second half of the first 6J6 triples to 68.5 Mc., in the video portion of Channel 4. Running the stages at the lowest possible input, and some care in shielding and by-passing can get rid of the



| | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| W0ZJB.....48 | W4IUJ.....38 | W8BFQ.....39 |
| W0BJV.....48 | W4BEN.....35 | W8LPD.....37 |
| W0CJS.....48 | | |
| W5AJG.....48 | W5VY.....47 | W8ZHB.....48 |
| W9ZHL.....48 | W9GNQ.....46 | W9QUV.....48 |
| W9OCA.....48 | W5JTI.....44 | W9HGE.....47 |
| W6OB.....48 | W5ONS.....44 | W9PK.....47 |
| W0INI.....48 | W5ML.....44 | W9VZP.....47 |
| | W5JLY.....43 | W9RQM.....47 |
| W1HDQ.....47 | W5JME.....43 | W9ALU.....47 |
| W1CLS.....46 | W5VV.....42 | W9QKM.....46 |
| W1CGY.....46 | W5FAL.....41 | W9ULA.....45 |
| W1LLL.....44 | W5NHD.....41 | W9UNS.....45 |
| W1KHL.....44 | W5FSC.....41 | |
| W1HMS.....43 | W5HLD.....40 | W0QIN.....47 |
| W1LSN.....42 | W5HEZ.....38 | W0ZDM.....47 |
| W1EIO.....41 | | W0NFM.....47 |
| | W6WNN.....48 | W0TKX.....47 |
| W2RLV.....45 | W6UXN.....47 | W0KYF.....47 |
| W2BYM.....44 | W6TMI.....45 | W0JOL.....44 |
| W2IDZ.....43 | W6IWS.....41 | W0JHS.....43 |
| W2AMJ.....42 | W6OVK.....40 | W0PKD.....43 |
| W2MEU.....42 | | W0HVM.....42 |
| W2FHL.....41 | W7HEA.....47 | W0MVG.....41 |
| W2GYV.....40 | W7ERA.....47 | W0IPT.....41 |
| W2QVH.....38 | W7BQX.....45 | |
| | W7DYD.....45 | VE3ANY.....42 |
| W3OJU.....45 | W7JRG.....44 | VE3AET.....35 |
| W3NKM.....41 | W7BOC.....42 | VE1QZ.....32 |
| W3MQU.....39 | W7JPA.....42 | VE1QY.....31 |
| W3JVI.....38 | W7FIV.....41 | XEIGE.....19 |
| W3RUE.....37 | W7CAM.....40 | |
| | W7ACD.....40 | |
| W4FBH.....46 | | |
| W4EQM.....44 | W8NSS.....46 | |
| W4QN.....44 | W8NQD.....45 | |
| W4FWH.....42 | W8UZ.....42 | |
| W4CPZ.....42 | W8YLS.....41 | |
| W4FLW.....42 | W8CMS.....41 | |
| W4MS.....40 | W8RFW.....41 | |
| W4OXC.....40 | W8LBH.....39 | |
| W4FNR.....39 | | |

Calls in bold-face are holders of special 50-Mc. WAS certificates listed in order of award numbers. Others are based on unverified reports.

trouble, or the alternative crystal-multiplier line-up described in September, 1950, *QST* and the 1951 *Handbook* can be employed. A shift in the intermediate frequency used will also frequently do the trick.

Organizing for civil defense communication is developing v.h.f. activity in many communities where there was no interest heretofore. W7OWF writes that the Richland, Wash., hams have decided to use the 144-Mc. band and are now in the process of getting ready for their first plunge into v.h.f. work.

About the middle of November, newspapers and several weekly news magazines carried stories of the first two-way communication between Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Washington, D. C., by means of lunar reflection. Signals had been bounced from the moon before, of course, but these stations actually communicated by this means. Right away we began to receive letters asking why hams weren't doing it, too. The answer lies in the nature of the equipment involved. The frequency was 418 Mc.; the power output 20 kw. Huge high-gain arrays were used, and the receivers employed a degree of selectivity that few of us would care to attempt. Lunar communication may yet be accomplished by amateurs (144-Mc. signals have been received by that means, by hams, though we cannot disclose details at this writing) but don't expect to do it with a 5-element array and a 522. It is just within the realm of possibility on 144 Mc. with the legal amateur power limit, the biggest antenna system you can build, and receiver selectivity measured in *cycles*!

December came to an exciting close for 2-meter operators of several southern states. On the morning of Sunday, the 30th, W4HHK, Collierville, Tenn., was surprised to hear a Texas W5 working W5JTI. Jackson, Miss. Paul fired up immediately, and between 10:30 and noon he worked W5s AXV and BDT, Austin, W5QIO, Beaumont, and UB, San Antonio, Texas. Returning from work after midnight, Paul found the band still open and Texas stations coming through.

W4KQC, Tuscaloosa, Ala., worked W5e AJG CVW AXV ML NHY QFD AQS and DCV on the night of the 30th. W5ML, Oil City, La., knocked off W4s LRU and KCQ of Tuscaloosa, and FSW and FIG of Birmingham, as well as a long string of Texas and Mississippi W5s. None of these distances would be considered extraordinary in the warmer months, but 2-meter DX of 600 miles or more is big news in midwinter.

What was perhaps the first two-way radioteletype communication on 220 Mc. is reported by WICTW, W1KNW, Arlington, Mass., and W1WB, Belmont, made it two-way on 220 on Dec. 16th. The spot-frequency net in the Boston area is still going strong, with several stations ganging up on 222.7 Mc. each Sunday night at 8 p.m. An effort is being made to round up the Technician licensees to augment the 220-Mc. group.

To promote v.h.f. interest in Montana, W7MBV, Geraldine, Mont., is publishing a monthly paper called "Montana VHF." It is a nonprofit venture produced by mimeograph. Operating news, constructional hints and short articles are solicited. Subscription is 50 cents a year. Volume I No. 1 contains an impressive list of Montana stations now working on 6 and 2. To this list may soon be added W7JRG, formerly of Sheridan, Wyoming, now working in Billings, Mont. If Ken does as well in Montana as he did just a few miles south of the border, the other 50-Mc. stations in the state will have to look to their laurels. Montana is the one remaining state that nobody east of the Alleghenies has ever worked on 6.

Utah is also a distinct rarity, a condition that may be corrected by W9FKY. Formerly W4LVA, Harold is now operating on 6 in Grand Junction, Colo., only a short distance from the Utah border. He plans to do some portable work on the Utah side this coming spring and summer. Hal had an interesting opening to W7 and VE7 on Dec. 27th.

W5ML, Oil City, La., says he is having a hard time finding activity on any of the v.h.f. bands during the winter months, but there is a lot of v.h.f. talk on 75! He and W5DXB fired up on 420 Mc. and had a fine circuit on that band, but they couldn't attract any others. Their gear is ready to go at any time, however, if there are other interested parties.

In the midst of the usual complaints of low wintertime activity it is refreshing to hear that one area has experienced an upsurge. Rochester, N. Y., and vicinity is showing real progress, particularly on 144 Mc., according to W2ZHB. A factor in this coming alive is certainly the WAR certificate offered by the Rochester V.H.F. Group. This award, details of which were given in June, 1951, QST, page 54, has been issued to 15 operators in Toronto, Buffalo and Lockport. One Rochester operator, W2YUL, has just completed his required 25 contacts with an input of one watt. The V.H.F. Group is sponsoring a series of "WAR Nights," beginning February 19th and 22nd, during which the Rochester area stations will be out in force to give everyone a chance to round out his total.

Despite lack of any recent DX openings, activity is at an exceptionally high level. Several Novices have appeared on 2, and new stations are showing up in the rural areas of Western New York. W2SPU/2 is in operation from a 1900-foot elevation near Moravia, and though he is 75 miles from Rochester his signal is a steady S9.

More radioteletype reports continue to come in. W9TQ, Milwaukee, rewired his keyboard, and then got acquainted with the polar relay and its functions, with the help of W9SKF. A selenium rectifier power unit is now supplying the 120 volts d.c. needed for the printer magnets. His AFSSK system should be working and the set-up ready for attended operation by the time this appears in print. Auto-call operation will follow shortly thereafter.

W9LEE, Westboro, Wis., reports continued success through early December in daily 2-meter skeds with W0BBN, Grand Marais, Minn., at 0745 and 2100. Signal-strength variations over this 190-mile path appears to follow a 10-day cycle. W9LEE recently finished a new 6BQ7 converter (September, 1951, QST) that is giving excellent

results. W9JBF, Wausau, and W0DSP, Chippewa Falls, also join in the skeds with W0BBN.

At least two hams in Portsmouth, N. H., would like to remind the fellows to the south that there is 2-meter activity in their state. W1TTT and W1LMD are doing their best to interest others in 2-meter operation, but they would have better luck if they could point to regular contacts with the Massachusetts gang. They are active on 2 nightly and would be glad to keep skeds with interested parties in any direction.

As you read these lines most of us will be in the process of recovering from a big week end of v.h.f. activity — the 5th Annual V.H.F. Sweepstakes. Once again we will have seen that concerted effort by many radio clubs and individuals can turn out a surprising number of 6- and 2-meter operators, even in the midst of winter conditions. Almost without exception we will have made contacts that would not have been possible again before next summer, but for the incentive afforded by the contest.

The week end of operating fun will have been an end in itself, but it can serve a much more important long-term purpose if we choose to make it do so. Not many of us want to do that much hamming every week end, but almost all would like to be able to make contacts on the bands of our choice more often than we do. Coordinated operating programs, a few regularly-kept schedules, and a resolution to transmit as well as listen could help to maintain a considerable portion of the activity that our v.h.f. contest always thaw out.

Eighteenth Annual ARRL DX Contest

**'Phone: Feb. 1st-3rd, Feb. 15th-17th;
C.W.: Feb. 29th, Mar. 1st, 2nd, Mar. 14th-16th**

Amateurs everywhere are invited to take part in the 18th Annual ARRL DX Competition. There will be two week-end periods devoted to c.w. participation and two to 'phone. Special certificate awards will be given to the highest-scoring c.w. and 'phone stations for each country and each continental U. S. A. and Canadian ARRL section entered in the contest. Operators outside the U. S. and Canada will attempt to work as many W, K, VE and VO stations as possible. Exchange of serial numbers will be required. Complete rules and details on scoring appear on page 36 of January QST.

The contest periods will be divided for c.w. and 'phone as follows: first 'phone period will begin on Feb. 1st at 7:00 P.M. EST and end on Feb. 3rd at 7:00 P.M. EST. The second 'phone period will be scheduled during the same hours from Feb. 15th to 17th. The first c.w. period will begin at 7:00 P.M. EST on Feb. 29th and end at 7:00 P.M. EST Mar. 2nd. The second 'phone period will be scheduled during the same hours from March 14th to 16th.

Though not necessary for entry in the contest, ARRL will supply convenient report forms upon request. You may make up your own forms following the samples shown in last month's complete contest announcement. If you request report forms from Headquarters, please indicate whether you plan to enter the c.w. section, the 'phone section, or both.



How's DX?



CONDUCTED BY ROD NEWKIRK,* W9BRD/1

How:

It's here again! It didn't take as long to roll around as we thought it would, did it? We mean, of course, our annual DX jamboree, the 18th ARRL International DX Competition.

As seems always to be the case, we'll wager many of the gang allowed procrastination to force them into much last-minute antenna erection and selectivity-sharpening. Are you ready for the zero hour?

Although the general outlook is for spotty h.f. conditions, this factor may not cut scores greatly. The top-layer guys seem to have the habit of exerting extra effort in one way or another to compensate for punk propagation possibilities. We expect the last drop will be squeezed from our lower-frequency bands unless Ten and Twenty should suddenly experience a remarkable renaissance. By this means the long-wire contingent may have a chance to crack back at night for 10- and 20-meter rotary beam shortcomings.

From whichever angle you intend to tackle this activity—big score or new countries or other—may luck be with you. You'll undoubtedly need your share!

What:

Twenty the Terrific has been hard at work earning its new reputation. Twenty the Terrible. Nevertheless, it occasionally forgets itself and turns red hot for short unpredictable periods. K2BU found ZD2DCP (14,082), VP8AO (002), VQ2AB (008), VS7NG (068) and ZP5BA (020) to his liking. Ken runs 400 watts to 812As VQ2JG (VFO), JQ3BNU (060), EA0AC (105), FD8AA (067), FY7YB (012), 9S4s AL (041) and AR (030) assisted W3MDE to reach 126 W8UPN finds the band hottest around breakfast time. Newt wrapped up VP1NW/2 on Grenada (065), VQ2s GW (017) WS (100), VQ4DO (060), VP8AP (080), SP3PF (020), VU2s EJ (010) JG (050), FD8AA (017), FF8AG (020), OQ5RA (015), KB6AQ (021), JA7FH (024), ZE3JP (035), ZS3s Q (033) and R (044) XE18A took time out from his QSL manager duties to snare VK9XX (127), OA4A (020) and a JA2 While stamping out TVI in the new QTH, W9HUIZ encountered HZ1HZ (100), FF8AC (065) and some VQ specimens WIAPU got up on the right side of his bed to work PX1AA. He was pleased to hear G6QB inform him that the PX1 was a DL4 and all okay MP4KAE (045), EA8s BE (064), BF (020), AP2K (037), XZ2EM (029), VS7NG (072), ZD6DU (050), F9QV/FC (093) on Corsica, VK1WO (094) of Macquarie and FD8AB (022) enhance W5ASG's log. Bill has it that FD8AA is FD8AB's boss on the job in line From W1ICP we hear that VS7ES arranges to be on 14,064 kc. daily at 7:30 p.m. EST. Join the chorus PFC Bud Rugel, awaiting his DL4 permit, hears interesting stuff in Boedingen, Germany: LZ5LL (190), UH8KAA, UF6KLF, UD6BM, UA9OM and UG6KAA W0NN found time to work VR2BW. VQ4HJP (020) and KT1OC (001) while new neighbor W9WEA broke the ice with OX3GG In Carolina, W4KE had success with FO8AE (070), HC2KB, OQ5RA, CR7s AF CI, an SP3 and VQ4 A vertical dipole fan, W3MFW

has something to show for it: EA8s AB AD (070), VS6CG (065), TF3s AG AR SF, VK9XX (010), ZB2A, ZD2HAH, IS1FIC (096 t7), F3AT/FF8, IIRC/Trieste, VQ4BB (040), YS10, YU3AB, VP5BF of T&C, and ZB1GKU VK1BS (055), VU2s CP (035) NB (057), IS1CNQ, VP8AU (002), VQ4s CM FCA, VP2AF, KB6AQ (112), FF8BB (020), ZDIAN and 4X4RE spiced up the collection at W0TKX Almost anything else on the air lately can be found in this roster provided by W6KUC and the West Gulf Division DX Club: A.M. — CK1YP on Formosa, CR8AE (040), EQ3UU (019), F7SSP (050) at SHAPE Hq. in Paris, FK8AH (090), FF8AB (010), FN8AD (115), FR7ZA (115), GC5s OM (040) OU (025), GD3GBG (059), HZ1s AB (055) AR (020) FH (082) TL (185), HH2LD (020), KB6AF (030), KT1LM (060), W2BXS/KJ6 (020), LZ1RF (008), MI3LK (121), OY3IGO (050), OE13SC (132), SP5-KAB (020), ST2GL (021), SU1s GO (040) HJ (060) XY (008), TF3s MB (010) NA (040), UA0FR (070), UO8KAA (089), VQs 2AT (035) 4AO (062), VR1AA (070), VS1s EO TA (035), VQ8s AD (016) CB (018), VU2s BC (060) CB (105) CR (097) CS (070) EC (030) FH (045), Y13s BZL (060) ECU (035) EFE (060), YU1s 1AG (011) 1AD (015) 3FMC (030), YO3s AF (053) RD (040), LB6XD (030) of Jan Mayen, ZA1A (040), ZB1HF (085), ZDs 1AJ (009) 4AB (080) 7AB (045), APs 2N (120) 4A (050), 3V8AN (087), 4X4s BA (005) DE (029) DF (060) DK (022), 9S4AL (059): P.M. — AG2AG (008), CT3s AA (045) AN (050), CRs SAD (070) 7BC (014), EA9AP (002), ET3Q (010), FH8AB (030), GC2FZC (084), DU1DO (052), KM6AX (095), KW6AR (100), M13US, OQ5s CP VN, VQs 4RF 4IMS (030) 4ERR (023), VP2s 2MD (003) of Montserrat in the Leewards, 8AS (030), ZK1AB (035), ZDs 4BD (040) 1FB (150) 2FFB (050), ZP6CM (073), ZS3s K (070) Q (025), FF8AF (040) and SW4AF in Yemen. How do you like that F7S5P moniker?

With the twenty 'phone adherents, we note that CR6s AL (350) AV (351), EA8AX (318), ZP6CM (145), KT1DD (352) and CR7SF (235) were made welcome by W5ASG XE1AC gave the key a rest to modulate for HC8-MM (370), IYAC/Trieste (195), OK1HI (145), YO3RI (125), KT1PU (370), FR7ZA (388), MI3BH (186), VU2FH (125), Y13BZL (172) and 3A2AP W0TKX knows when to switch to 'phone; Bob couldn't find these countries on c.w. — HG6EC (172) and ZP4BB (340) CR7s AD (140) CF (152), FA8CF (345), OQ5DZ (145), P21WK (375),



* New Mailing Address: Effective immediately, please mail all reports of DX activity to DX Editor Newkirk at ARRL Headquarters, 38 La Salle Rd., West Hartford 7, Conn.

160 FLASH!

On Dec. 31st at 6:45 A.M. CST W9CVQ and ZL1AH achieved two-way contact on 1.9-Mc. c.w. Tests are continuing.

VP2DB (150) of the Windwards, VQs 1RF (360) 2DW (160) 2JG (145) 5AU (148) and ZE1JX (355) put good signals into Illinois, according to W9BAE. W8UPN grabbed VP5BF (190) of Turks Isle as well as TF3MB (095) The D X Bulletin by W5KUC points out CS3AB (320), CRs 4AD (380) 6CC (188) 6AJ (295) 7SF (235), CN8FI (350), ELSA (330), EQ3FM (350), FQ8AI (380), GD3ENK (320), HC8GI (165), HR1LH (250), HZ1s TL (185) AB (320), ISUS (390), JY1XY (350) in Jordan, KJ6AP (294), KT1DD (352), MD2JB (380), MI3s LV (350) NA (310), MP4KAF (352), TA3AA (350), VP5 2AF (296) 3HAG (150) 7NM (190), VQs 2DT (324) 4RF (379) 8AL (360), YU1AV (145), ZPs 7AW (120) 9CM (145) and ZS2MI (350) on Marion.

Forty is having a tough time filling the shoes of twenty during we hours but it's trying. W9HUZ found KM6AX (7040), VK9XK (010), VP8AI (010), OHs 2RB (021) and SNK (013) available. KV4AQ answered W8FRD's 61A and W9ESQ ran off with CN8BJ, OX3GD and VR2AS. W2DOD is easily recalled as ex-8DOD. Elmer hit the band for YN1OC, YO2BU, YI3ECU, MD2PJ, LX1FB, ZX1AZ, EA9AP, EA8BF, VP8AP, OQ5RA, ZE2JN and VQ4HJP with a BC-459. All on the lower 35 kc. of the band, W4QCW raised FA8DA, KG6-FAA, VPs 5BN 7NW 9AL, T12PZ and YV5AL YU2AKL and 4X4RE didn't take Bob's bait. The D X Bulletin adds ZS3K (010), FQ8AG, F9QV/FC (040) and ZD6DU (030). W2BXs/KJ6 intrigued W8IQS in Flint.

Even inveterate traffic men take a whack at eighty DXing at this time of the year. A spark or two may fly when a rare one pops up near a net frequency but that's life for you. Most of the stuff is found in the lower 30 or 35 kc. FA8BG was W8FRD's 4th continent on 20 watts. FA9RZ and KS4AQ came back to W4KE while XE1SA was working KH6PL. Even the Novices are getting into the act. Here is WN4TKD snagging KS4AQ and WN4TRP getting CO7AU and KP4PZ. Don't tell us only 4th call area WNs can work DX! VE1JD has this 3.5-Mc. situation down pat. Here is his low-edge listing: Cc 2RJY 3AAM 3BKf 3FGT 5DQ 5JU 5UM 5VB 6QX, DLs 1EL 1VU 4MF 7AH, PA6s LB OA NG, EIs 28 9J, OK1AWA, SM4GL, G14QY, FA8RJ, YN1AA, EA4CN, ON4HC, F7AT, CT18Q, 3A2AG and VP5BF. OQ5BC and PX1AA were two big ones that got away.

There are a lot of frustrated ten-meter beams sitting around unless our mailbox has a leak. On 'phone, the D X Bulletin lists EA8AX (28305), ZD1SW (500), MI3DW (355) and MD2AM (350); FF8AE (005) was on c.w. Also on A1, VK9XK was chased down by W9HUZ while W4KE worked HC2BK, CR6BC and CR7AG.

W1BB keeps us informed of progress in the DX tests on one-sixty. In what was evidently the first transatlantic of the season, VE1EA and G3PU swapped reports in late November. W1BB clicked in mid-December with GW3ZV. At Christmas time W1BB hooked GW3FSP, G5JU and G6GM; W9CVQ also struck off by working GW3FSP and G5JU on December 23rd. All hands were in there digging for ZL1AH (1900.5) whose signals were only at times audible.

Where:

DX stations or DX-working stations should keep in mind a few things when preparing their QSLs. It's downright tragic to receive a rare card that doesn't bear the necessary data for DXCC accrediting. The QTH of the confirming station, the call signs of the confirmer and confirmer, the year and date of QSO; these items are just about the bare minimum. There should be no doubt that the card is a confirmation rather than a "heard" card. If confirming a 'phone contact it should state so. Not necessary for DXCC but highly desirable are entries of signal report, time (local or otherwise) of QSO and the frequency band used. KW6AR will act as QSL manager for Wake Island, henceforth. His address: Ivan C. Lundblom, CAA, Wake Island.

AP2K (QSL via DARC)
CS3AB Lagens MATS, Terceira, Azores, APO 406, % PM, New York, N. Y.
DLAIE Capt. A. W. Borgia, Hq. EUCOM Sig. Div., APO 403, % PM, New York, N. Y.
EA8BF (ex-EA8MC) Manuel Cenalmor, Box 8, Laguna, Tenerife, Canary Islands
EA0BH (EA4BH, QSL via URE)
HB9LA Pierre Essinger, 10 Chemin de la Bateliere, Lausanne, Switzerland
II0MD/Trieste Giuseppe Glessi, Strada per Longera N. 179, Trieste
JA7FH APO 75, % PM, San Francisco, Calif.
KB6AQ % PAA, Canton Island
KB6AT U.S.P.O. X3010, Canton Island
KM6AX Box 24, Navy 3080, FPO, San Francisco, Calif.
LB6XD (QSL via NRRL)
KT1OC (W7IOC) Henry B. Poole, jr., % American Legation, Tangiers
MP4KAF Box 54, Kuwait, Persian Gulf
OQ5PE (QSL via OQ5RA)
OX5EL Eigel Larsen, Danish Leighaus Service, Loran Station, Fredericksdahl, Greenland
PX1AA (QSL via DL4 QSL Bureau)
ST2EB (QSL to VQ5AU)
VP1NW/2 (QSL via VP1AA)
VP7NW (QSL via W3MAL)
VS9MA 4037746 S.A.C. West I, % RAF Unit Transmitting Station, Ryian, Aden Command, Aden
XE4PK (QSL via XE1SA)
YI3EFE (QSL via G3EFE)
ZD2FFB Brewer, % P&T, Enugu, Nigeria
ZP7AW % American Embassy, Asuncion, Paraguay
ZP9CM (QSL via ZP5BA)
3A2AK (QSL to F8BS or F9LQ)
3A2AP (QSL via DL4 QSL Bureau)
8W4AF Director of Harbourage, Port of Mocha, Yemen

For these we owe W1RWS, W3QLC, W4CYY, W5KUJ, W6BES, W8UPN, W9CFT, W9HUZ, W8TKX and W5-KUC's D X Bulletin a large vote of thanks.

Tidbits:

New prefix assignments have been announced as follows: AMA-AOZ - Spain, JYA-JYZ - Jordan, JZA-JZZ - Netherlands New Guinea, 3WA-3WZ - Viet Nam, 4XA-4XZ - Israel, 4YA-4YZ - Organization of International Civil Aviation, 5CA-5CZ - French Morocco, 9AA-9AZ - San Marino, 9NA-9NZ - Nepal, 9SA-9SZ - Saar. Call signs grow more weird by the day! From W0DEI we hear VQ5AU has taken a portable rig along on a hunting trip to last through several months. Operation on 20, 40 and 80 c.w. is intended. He'll be using the call ST2EB. Surprisingly enough, we receive questions on how to go about applying for DXCC after accumulating the necessary

Cold and remote, this cluster of buildings housed the equipment of LB5ZC on Jan Mayen, operated late last year by Bjorn Augdahl. LA5ZC. (Photo courtesy W1FH)

QST for



A Mobile Installation for 10 and 11 Meters

Converter and Remotely-Controlled Transmitter from Surplus Gear

BY GEORGE J. GABERT,* W9JM

AFTER giving considerable thought to a mobile transmitter and receiver, we made up a set of standards as to what our 10-meter mobile rig should be like. We decided that the transmitter should have a VFO so as to be able to QSY to any part of the band, that all tuned circuits of the transmitter should be ganged to the VFO for one-dial control and easy tuning, and that it should be possible to set the VFO to any frequency with a reasonable degree of accuracy. The converter was to be made as compact as possible with the transmitter controls built into the same housing. The receiver was to be provided with an S meter, as an aid in giving signal reports, along with a good noise silencer. We proceeded to lay out and build our mobile equipment and, as the following description shows, we followed out this set of standards. Although the equipment, built chiefly from surplus parts and units, is modest, the results have far surpassed all expectations.

The equipment consists of two units, aside from the power supply. The first is a control unit mounted on the dashboard, immediately above the car's b.c. receiver. The second is the transmitter mounted on a shelf over the rear fender well of the author's station wagon. The control unit houses the converter and also remote controls for the transmitter, including frequency control for VFO operation. Thus all necessary controls are grouped at one point, which is a decided convenience.

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• W9JM describes here the mobile equipment with which he made the first mobile WAS — all on 10 meters. The VFO rig, a revamped Command transmitter, is remotely controlled from the dashboard. While you may not wish to duplicate the installation in all details, you will find many interesting and useful ideas that you can apply to your existing equipment.

The Converter

The housing for the control unit is a metal box 6½ inches long, 4½ inches high and 3 inches deep, although a standard box approximating these dimensions would serve as well. The circuit of the converter is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of a 6AK5 tuned r.f. stage, a 6BA7 mixer, and a 6C4 h.f. oscillator. The converter feeds the b.c. receiver by capacitive coupling through a short length of high-impedance coax cable. A toggle switch, S_1 , shifts the b.c. input from the converter to the antenna for broadcast reception. The converter covers the range of 26,900 to 29,700 kc. The tuning of the three stages is ganged through the use of a triple-unit tuning condenser. The oscillator plate voltage is regulated. A relay, controlled by the push-to-talk switch at the microphone, removes plate voltage from all but the h.f. oscillator during transmissions. The arrangement not only keeps the h.f. oscillator running to minimize frequency drift, but by tuning about 50 kc. away from the transmitter frequency, the transmitter can be heard with an S3 signal, permitting accurate monitoring.

The converter is built into the left-hand side of the control unit. The coils used are wound on slug-tuned forms. This makes the circuits easier to line up for tracking. The tuning dial and gears

The transmitter is mounted over one of the rear fender wells of W9JM's station wagon. The revised Command unit is fitted with a new panel and a homemade calibrated dial is substituted for the original. The antenna relay is in the small box underneath. At the bottom of the panel, the cable at the center goes to the microphone. At the right is the flexible shaft for the remote VFO tuning control. A pair of surplus right-angle gear units avoids the necessity for a sharp bend in the control cable.

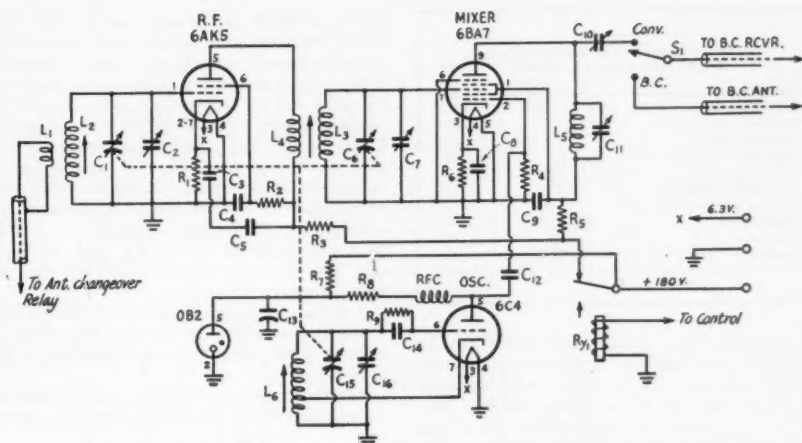


Fig. 1—Circuit diagram of the mobile converter for 10 and 11 meters.

C1, C6, C15—Triple-unit variable, 11 μ fd. per section (Bud LC-1845).

C2, C7, C10, C11, C16—30- μ fd. mica trimmer.

C3, C4, C8, C9—500- μ fd. ceramic.

C12—10- μ fd. ceramic.

C13—0.01- μ fd. paper.

C14—50- μ fd. mica.

R1, R6—100 ohms, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

R2—47,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

R3—10,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

R4, R9—22,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

R5—1500 ohms, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

R7—35,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

R8—75,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

L1—13 turns No. 26 d.s.c., $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., close-wound on Millen 69046 iron-slug form.

L2—2 turns No. 32 d.s.c. below L1 on same form, windings spaced $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

L3—12 turns No. 26 d.s.c., $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., close-wound on Millen 69046 iron-slug form.

L4—9 turns No. 32 d.s.c. below L3 on same form, windings spaced $\frac{3}{16}$ inch.

L5—Midget broadcast r.f. coil to tune to 1600 kc. with C11—approx. 360 p.h.

L6—12 turns No. 26 d.s.c., $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., close-wound on Millen 69046 iron-slug form, tap at 4 turns from ground end.

RY1—S.p.d.t. relay (12-volt).

S1—S.p.d.t. toggle switch.

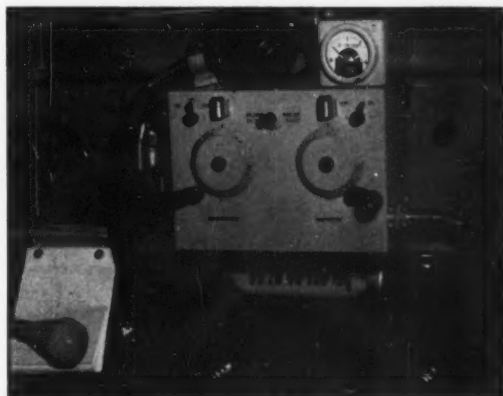
for the converter control, as well as similar items for the VFO remote tuning control, were taken from the control box of a BC-450A and the condenser drive gears for the converter are from the Command receiver itself.

A very useful adjunct to the receiving system is the addition of an external S-meter connected in the b.c. receiver circuit as shown in Fig. 2. The meter is mounted in a small case on top of the control unit and is used not only for checking incoming signals, but also to set the VFO to the

frequency to the receiver's calibration. The converter dial was calibrated with a 100-ke. standard. Those who are not familiar with the process of lining up a superhet are referred to the ARRL Handbook chapters dealing with receivers and mobile equipment.

In adjusting the coupling between the converter and the b.c. receiver input, the coupling condenser, C10, should be set so that maximum response of the received signal shows on the S-meter without disturbing the tuning of the

The control panel includes the converter whose dial is to the right. The dial to the left is the remote VFO tuning control. The switch in the upper right is for turning filaments and relay circuits on and off and switching the VFO to low voltage while setting frequency. The toggle at the center switches the b.c. input from the converter to the antenna. The third switch turns the converter on and off. The dial lamps are homemade, using grain-of-wheat bulbs.



Voltages to ground measured with a
20,000-ohms-per-volt meter

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Oscillating plate | 150 |
| Doubler plate | 275 |
| Doubler screen | 160 |
| Final plate | 500 |
| Final screen | 200 |
| Modulator plate | 500 |
| Modulator screen | 410 |
| Doubler bias | - 90 |
| Final bias | - 80 |
| Modulator bias | - 42 |
| Modulator plate current | 54 to 59 ma. |

b.c. receiver input circuit. The latter can be checked by varying the r.f. trimmer in the car-receiver antenna circuit while switching back and forth between the antenna and the converter. The correct adjustment for C_{10} is one that makes it unnecessary to readjust the antenna trimmer of the b.c. receiver for maximum signal whether the converter is switched in or out. Each change of C_{10} will require readjustment of C_{11} to keep the output circuit tuned to the i.f. which, in this case, is 1600 kc.

Transmitter Circuit

The transmitter is a converted BC-458A. The revised circuit is shown in Fig. 3. A 14-Mc. high- C Hartley VFO drives a 12A6 doubler and this stage drives the 1625 final on 10 and 11 meters. The plate voltage of the VFO is regulated by the VR-150. Inductive coupling is used throughout and the tuning condensers are ganged to a single control. R_{11} is the antenna change-over relay. It also shorts the input of the converter in the transmitting position. The winding of this relay is in series with the dynamotor negative high-voltage lead, so that the relay is operated automatically whenever the dynamotor is turned on or off. The negative terminal of the dynamotor should not be grounded except through the winding of this relay.

The audio section consists of a carbon micro-

phone, a 12SF5 speech stage and a 1625 modulator. Since no information could be found on the operation of the 1625 as a Class A amplifier, a test circuit was set up using variables to get the plate current to remain steady. Bias for the modulator tube is obtained from the voltage drop across the winding of the changeover relay, R_{11} . An audio gain control was not found necessary. If desired, some change in audio output can be obtained by altering the microphone battery voltage. In this instance a single No. 2 flashlight cell, mounted in the FT-234A connector box, proved to be adequate for the WE F-1 microphone.

A milliammeter is provided in the plate circuit of the final amplifier for checking resonance and loading. Power input to the final amplifier is held to 30 watts.

A rather novel innovation is an arrangement for reducing VFO power for frequency setting.

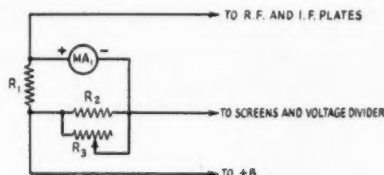


Fig. 2 — Circuit of the S-meter added to the car receiver.

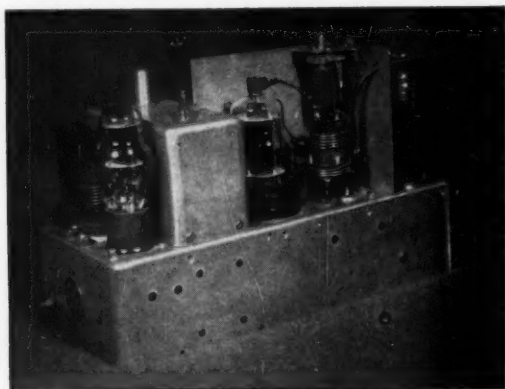
R_1 — 270 ohms.

R_2 — 330 ohms.

R_3 — 1000 ohms, variable.

MA1 — D.c. milliammeter, 1-ma. scale.

In the upper left of the control-box panel is a three-position switch. In one position, the switch turns on all filaments and sets up the relay circuits ready to be operated by the push-to-talk switch on the microphone. In a second position, these same circuits are held closed, but the relay of Fig. 4 is operated. This switches the high voltage off, but switches the low-voltage tap supplying the VFO to the positive terminal



The r.f. section of the transmitter. Across the rear are the doubler tube, the doubler coil and the oscillator tube. The oscillator coil and padder condenser are in the box. In front of the box are the final-amplifier tube and tank coil, the antenna tuning condenser and the VR tube.

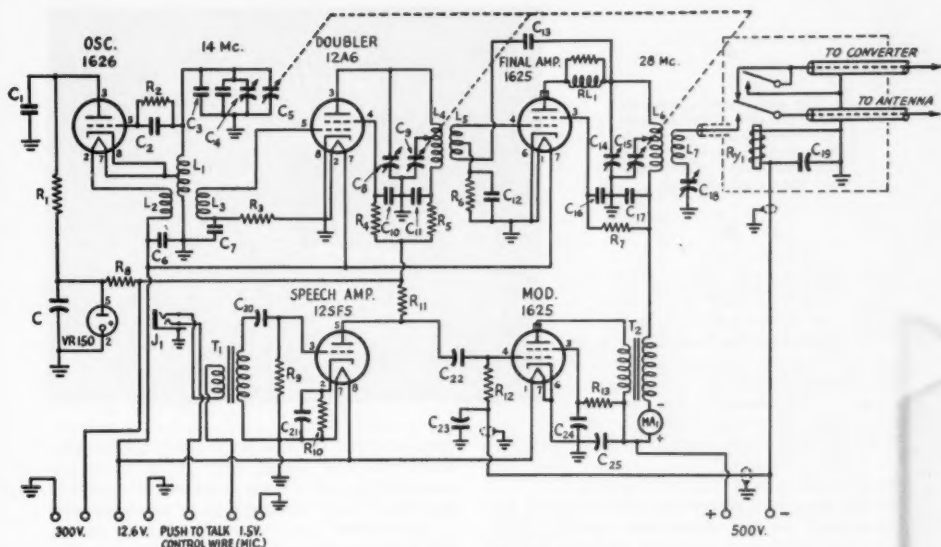


Fig. 3—Circuit of the 10-meter mobile rig, rebuilt from a Command transmitter.

C—10- μ fd. 250-volt electrolytic.

* C₁, C₇, C₁₂—0.05 μ fd. (triple unit).

* C₂—180- μ fd. mica.

* C₃—3 μ fd.

* C₄—Oscillator padder.

* C₅—Oscillator tuning condenser (see text).

* C₆—0.006- μ fd. mica.

* C₈—25- μ fd. midget variable.

* C₉—Doubler tuning condenser (see text).

* C₁₀, C₁₁—0.005- μ fd. mica.

* C₁₃—Neutralizing condenser (plates opened to half original capacitance).

* C₁₄—Final-amplifier padder (see text).

* C₁₅—Final-amplifier tuning condenser (see text).

* C₁₆, C₁₇, C₁₉, C₂₀, C₂₂, C₂₄—0.01- μ fd. paper.

* C₁₈—100- μ fd. variable.

* C₂₁—8- μ fd. 50-volt electrolytic.

* C₂₃—25- μ fd. 50-volt electrolytic.

* C₂₅—0.03- μ fd. paper.

* R₁, R₁₃—20 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

* R₂—51,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

* R₃—0.1 megohm, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

* R₄—40,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

* R₅—1000 ohms, 1 watt.

* R₆—30,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

R₇—20,000 ohms, 5 watts.

R₈—3000 ohms, 10 watts.

R₉—0.5 megohm, $\frac{1}{4}$ watt.

R₁₀—2000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

R₁₁—20,000 ohms, 2 watts.

R₁₂—0.25 megohm, $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

L₁—8 turns No. 18, $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch diam., $\frac{5}{8}$ inch long, tapped $4\frac{1}{4}$ turns from ground end.

L₂—4 $\frac{1}{4}$ turns interwound from ground end of L₁ to tap.

L₃—8 turns No. 32 on $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch form inside L₁L₂.

L₄—5 $\frac{3}{4}$ turns No. 18, 1-inch diam., $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long.

L₅—10 turns No. 32, 1-inch diam., tapped at center, wound below L₄ on same form, windings spaced $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

L₆—4 $\frac{1}{2}$ turns No. 16, 1-inch diam., $\frac{5}{16}$ inch long, tapped at approx. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ turns from ground end.

L₇—3 turns No. 16, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diam., $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long.

J₁—3-circuit microphone jack.

MA₁—D.C. milliammeter, 100-ma. scale.

* RL₁—Parasitic suppressor.

RY₁—Antenna changeover relay with shorting contact, 200-ohm winding (taken from BC-442A antenna box).

T₁—Modulation transformer, 10 watts (Stancor A3871).

T₂—Carbon-microphone-to-grid transformer.

* Parts salvaged from Command transmitter.

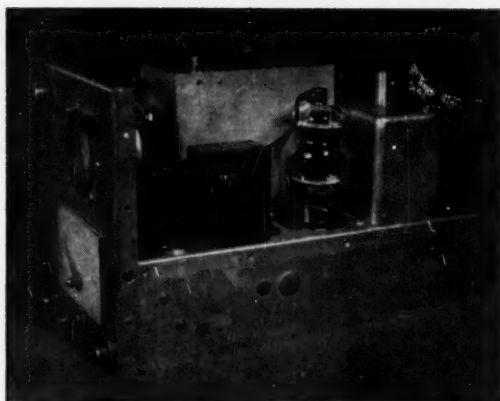
of the receiver supply through a dropping resistor, R₁. This places about 50 volts on the plate of the oscillator so that the VFO can be set without blocking the receiver or putting a signal on the air. R₁ can be adjusted, if desired, to limit the VFO signal strength to the maximum reading of the S-meter, so that the needle of the meter will not be knocked against the pin. The third switch position is the "all-off" position.

Converting the Transmitter

In converting the Command transmitter, it is advisable first to remove all wiring, coils and variable condensers, except the oscillator padder in the compartment on top of the chassis. This condenser is used as the oscillator padder, C₄ in

Fig. 3. Fixed condensers can remain in their original locations. The original oscillator tuning condenser, the one under the chassis and to the rear, is remodeled to make a dual unit serving as C₅ and C₉. Starting at the rear of the condenser, the last stator plate is removed. Then the next five plates toward the front are left in. Then, all remaining stator plates, except the last three at the front are removed. (Actually it is not necessary to remove all of the stator plates mentioned so long as the correct rotor plates are removed. Extra stator plates may be seen in the bottom-view photograph.) The space between the two sections of stator plates is measured and two pieces of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch polystyrene rod are cut to fit exactly between the two sections. This

The audio section occupies the right side of the chassis. The speech-amplifier tube is toward the front, followed by the modulation transformer and the modulator tube.



will make the poly pieces about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long. The rod should then be drilled end to end with a $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch hole. Then a section about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long is cut out of the stator rods, at the center of the space between the two stator sections, dividing the stator into two parts. The drilled poly rods are slipped over the ends of the stator rods to again join the two sections together, this time insulated from each other. (See bottom-view photograph.)

The rotor is revamped by removing the first plate and the last plate, then leaving four at the rear and two at the front, and removing all plates in between. The plates of both rotor and stator can be easily removed by clamping a piece of $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch bar iron in a vise and holding the rotor spacer bar or shaft against the iron

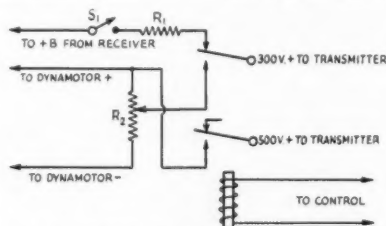


Fig. 4—Circuit of the arrangement for reducing voltage on the VFO while setting frequency.

R₁—Adjusted to give desired signal in receiver.

R₂—25,000-ohm potentiometer.

S₁—Installed in control unit (see text).

piece. Then the plates will drop out with a few taps of a hammer. In removing the rotor from the frame, care should be taken to avoid losing any of the small bearing balls.

The final-amplifier tuning condenser—the one toward the front in the original version—is revamped into two sections, one serving as C₁₅ and the other for C₁₄. The stator is altered by removing one stator plate at the rear, leaving the next three, removing two at the front and leaving the next three plates. The remainder of plates in between are removed and the sections insulated as described previously for the oscillator-doubler condenser.

The operation on the rotor requires some machine work, but even if it is necessary to have this done in a shop, it should cost little if any more than a new condenser. The new rotor

consists of two sections revolving independently. The main final tuning rotor (rotor of C₁₅) is shown in Fig. 5A. This is made from the rotor of the original final tuning condenser and it operates in the original manner from the tuning control. The second section of the rotor is shown in Fig. 5B. This part is made from the rotor of the original amplifier paddler, since this condenser is not otherwise used. After cutting the shaft off flush at the bearing cone, it is cut off again at a length of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. This shaft is then drilled out on a lathe so as to make a bearing fit over the $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch diameter portion of the rotor shaft of A. When the condenser is reassembled, the rotor of B can be moved by hand to set the paddler capacitance without disturbing the setting of the tuning rotor. To hold the paddler rotor in place after it is once set, it is provided with a locking piece that fastens against the front end of the plate of the condenser frame with a screw in the adjustment slot. This piece also is shown in Fig. 5B.

The reconstructed final tuning condenser is mounted where the paddler condenser was formerly located, using the same mounting holes. Since the oscillator tuning condenser remains in its original position, the flexible driving shaft coupling the two condensers must be shortened. Before cutting the shaft, mark the length and flow in a good penetration of solder at the place to be cut. This will hold the wires of the shaft so that they will not spring apart after cutting. In removing the excess shafting from the sleeve, cut the shafting at about a half inch from the sleeve. Then, by pulling some of the inner wires out, the remainder should be loose enough to be removed without difficulty. The sleeve is then resoldered to the shafting after drilling the sleeve out to a push-in fit. The soldering is done after both condensers are mounted, and the shaft fitted onto the condensers and pinned. An extension shaft is fastened to the front end of the tuning shaft to reach to the front panel, with a spline attached to couple into the flexible shaft going to the control on the dashboard. Another

shaft is fitted to the tuning-dial gear extending to the front panel with a pointer attached, as shown in the bottom-view photograph.

The 12A6 doubler tube is placed in the socket formerly used by the 1629 and the doubler coil is placed in the socket used for the crystal in the original circuit. The oscillator coil is replaced with one wound on a smaller form. Moving the final condenser back makes it possible to mount the speech-amplifier and voltage-regulator tubes, the meter and the microphone transformer at the front of the chassis. The final tank coil is placed at the edge of the chassis, just forward of the 1625 final-amplifier tube. The modulation transformer is placed in front of the modulator tube. An L-shaped shield separates the final amplifier and the audio components and no trouble has been experienced from r.f. in the audio.

In rewiring the transmitter, it is advisable to cable all filament and plate wiring. No. 16 bare wire was used in all r.f. circuits and any lead longer than two inches is supported by polystyrene stand-off insulators cemented to the chassis or other convenient spot. All cables from the dynamotor to the transmitter and control unit are shielded and the shielding used as the ground connection between the various units. No switching circuits are shown, since each constructor usually prefers his own. Switches are shown where necessary to make the circuits complete.

Tracking of the transmitter circuits is obtained by tapping the tuning condensers of the doubler and final amplifier across a portion of the coil. The taps are quite critical. The tracking of the doubler stage is adjusted first with the plate and screen voltage off the final amplifier. Low voltage can be used while the circuits are being lined up. A milliammeter is connected in the plate circuit and the stage being adjusted is resonated with the padder at the high-frequency end of the band. Then the gang is tuned to the low-frequency end of the band and the circuit again resonated with the padder. If the capacitance of the padder must be increased to maintain resonance, the tap should be moved farther up on the coil. If the padder condenser must be decreased, move the tap in the opposite direction. When the tap is placed correctly, the stage should stay in resonance across the entire band without readjustment of the padder.

It is very important that the antenna resonate near the center of the band. Antenna resonance can be checked by a grid-dip meter coupled to

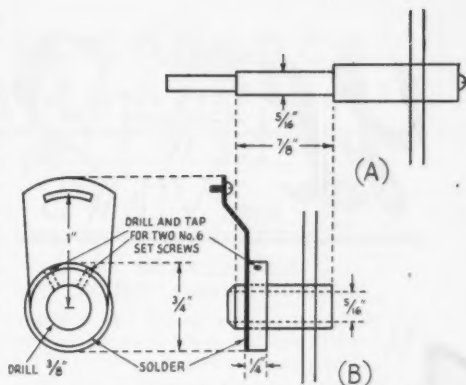


Fig. 5—Sketches showing the alterations on the rotor of the final-amplifier tank condenser. The original shaft is turned down to 5/16-inch diameter as shown after rotor plates have been removed. B shows how a piece of the original padder rotor is drilled to fit the shaft of A and then fitted with a locking device.

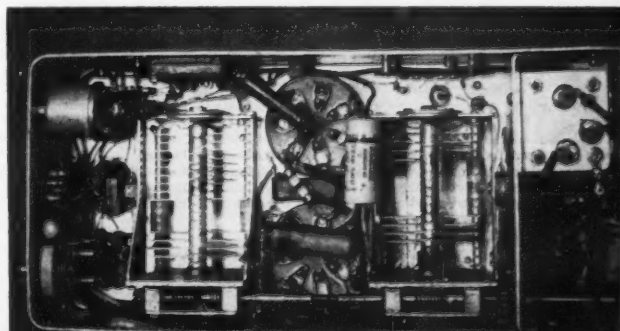
a link coil connected to the antenna, by observing the rise in plate current of the final amplifier while tuning the transmitter across the band, or with the aid of an antenna-current indicator. The antenna either should be cut or extended until the 29,200-ke. point is found. On 11 meters, a length of antenna must be added. This was accomplished by removing the metal ball tip and threading the top end of the antenna. The extension then can be screwed on. A new ball tip was made to screw onto the end of the antenna or to the extension for 11 meters, depending upon which band is in use.

A 12-volt power system is used for the transmitter because of less voltage drop through the wiring. A relay is used to change the batteries over from a parallel charge connection to a series connection whenever the filaments of the transmitter are turned on. No trouble has been experienced with run-down batteries or a stalled car. The dynamotor is a PE55 and is installed in the engine compartment along with the extra battery.

The results obtained with this 30-wattor compare very favorably with home rigs running many times the power. We have had over 560 contacts, many lasting hours. We have also had many foreign contacts, and at this juncture I would like to say a word to those foreign amateurs who enjoy making contacts with W mo-

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Bottom view of the transmitter showing the re-wrapped tuning condensers. The microphone transformer is in the compartment at the front.



YL NEWS and VIEWS

CONDUCTED BY
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WHY are there more licensed YLs now than ever before? Currently, of course, the new Novice Class license is the greatest stimulus. Those who formerly despaired of ever meeting the requirements for the Class B license have deemed the Novice ticket their opportunity.

And today, more women are seeking ways to occupy their leisure more constructively. What other hobby offers better chance to release energy and a variety of talents to such advantage?

Commendably, YLs already licensed are offering not only incentive but also are giving generously of their time and effort in encouraging and helping those interested to obtain licenses.

There are other reasons, but what does all this mean? . . . More QRM? More feminine rag-chewing? Perhaps. But most important, it means a greater reserve of operators who will have the time to monitor the bands and keep frequencies in use, who will participate in organized operating activities, who will be immediately available for emergency work.

Surely, then, these new YLs should be welcomed heartily, and it is hoped that they will attract more of their kind to our hobby.

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For years Viola Grossman, W2JZX (extreme right), has been energetically and systematically attracting other YLs to ham radio. Since 1941, under various auspices, Vi has taught code, theory, and operating procedure to over a thousand women. Most of the YLs in her current classes, held in conjunction with the Nassau Radio Club, have become Novices or Technicians.

Believing that her "radio babies" would benefit from closer association, Vi initiated the Long Island Unit of YLRL in June, 1951. She is shown with (l. to r.) WN2KEB, WN2BXT, and WN2KDP, also officers of the Unit, which has a current registration of sixty-five, most of whom were Vi's students at one time. Unlicensed YLs are also invited to attend meetings, and many have become interested enough to enroll in the code classes.

Keeping Up with the Girls

Answering an appeal for watermelons for a cancer patient, W4GTM helped relay the word on 40 c.w., which resulted in speedy delivery of the melons. . . . Several times a month W2OWL operates W2GTE, the American Red Cross amateur station in N. Y. C. . . . W8GEN finds that she can be a busy senior in high school and a very active amateur at the same time. Carol feels that her day isn't complete unless she gets in a QSO on 40, 80, or 160 c.w. using a rig she built herself. . . . For the benefit of W4HWR's many W friends, her current address is 36 Swakleys Drive, Ickenham, Middlesex Drive, England. Hilda is eager to see all that G-land has to offer during her stay there. . . . One night a week W2BNC takes her turn as NCS of the New York State Slow-Speed Net. . . . W7JFM will be found working 75 mobile in Oklahoma City while her OM, W7HAZ, is attending CAA school there. . . . ZS6WJ holds an SM certificate verifying her contacts with all seven SM districts. Ella found the certificate a bit different — it's actually a square of linen on which is painted the map of Sweden shown divided into the various sections. . . . Listen for ZS5BP and ZS5KG — they are two very active YLs. . . . Formerly of Miami, W4LKM is now on the air from Falls Church, Va. Annette's neighbor, W4JKZ, is training women operators in conjunction with the local civil defense program. . . . Two new YLs in Cincinnati are W8HDB and W8HBO. Louise is on 40 c.w. and Frances is on 10



'phone. W3PMT/8, W8SKZ, and W8TPZ are other YLs from the same city. . . . WN7PWY is just ten years old! . . . KH6TI and W6EWV are members of MARS. . . . W6ATT (ex-W7OYO) and W6EPN are at Loma Linda with their OMs, while the latter, also licensed, study at the College of Medical Evangelists. . . . W5NWR has started a 75 'phone Southern States Rag Chewing Net for YLs which meets Tuesday and Thursday each week at 9:00 A.M. CST on 3830 kc. The object of the net is to promote acquaintance among YLs, and all YLs within working distance are invited to check in whenever possible. To date W5 NWR NES PTR RTT RWX SBN MZI LGY and OTU have participated. . . . In addition to her duties as a science teacher at St. Theresa's Academy in Boise, Idaho, and her activity on 10, 20, 75 and in various nets, including MARS, Sister Charlotte, W7MUT, has been directly responsible for the recent licensing of five amateurs. . . . Unfortunately, both ZS5MT and ZS5NE are hospital patients. . . . W9BBQ is now residing in the Sixth District. . . . W1MCW ceased DXing long enough to tune up on 75 'phone for the first time during the YLRL contest and consequently gave some of the girls a Maine contact. . . . W2PVS finds mobile operation (on 10) offers the least interference from the "doorbell, telephone, and kids". . . . W5MJU is active in the Oklahoma Emergency and the North Texas-Oklahoma Traffic Nets. . . . W2BIV proudly reports that his secretary, W2QGE, is doing a grand job in the AREC. "Without her help our AREC would not be where it is". . . . A student at State Teachers College at Oneonta, N. Y., W2GFK has regular schedules with her mother, W2EEO, and her father, Sylvia uses c.w., but her parents reply on 'phone so that her classmates can understand at least one side of the QSO. . . . W2WOW was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association. . . . David Earl Beringer, born November 11, 1951, died November 22, 1951. "Davey" was the son of Earl, W9RCB, and Louise, W9JTX.

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Correspondence From Members-

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Editor, *QST*:

The proposed amendment would grant special privileges to persons of doubtful qualification. The state of the radio art in April, 1917, was so low, and the qualifications for an amateur radio operator's license or station license at that time so trivial that it would be possible for an amateur licensed in April, 1917, to continue as a licensed amateur of the lowest qualified class to this date with no increase whatsoever in his knowledge of the radio art or his ability to utilize present-day radio technique.

It is contrary to public policy to grant privileges reserved for properly qualified persons whose only claim is "ancient privilege." For example, an aviator who flew an aircraft prior to April, 1917, is not automatically granted the privilege of flying a modern multi-engine aircraft in today's crowded airlines.

— Geo. H. Goldstone, W8MGQ

2223 Bennett
Dallas, Texas

Editor, *QST*:

I suggest that all licensed amateurs who served in the Revolution (1776) also be included in the Extra Class without code or written examination.

— Geo. C. Becker, W5EVI

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, *QST*:

They're in an awful rush to get this through without it being printed in *QST*. Wonder who the fossil is that got a B ticket in the magic month of April 1917 and now wants to get the highest class without taking exam like run-of-the-mill amateur riff-raff.

I thought the Extra Class was for persons who could demonstrate a high degree of ability — now it is to be for persons who demonstrate a high degree of ability and others who think age is proof of ability.

Why not wait five years on this and if one of the big boys wants the Extra Class put it up to a vote of all the Extra Class amateurs and see if they want to invite him into their group without passing any exam? They no doubt would just consider him qualified by vote of the majority — the democratic process, y'know.

— L. R. Evans

1546 Spruce St.
Berkeley, Calif.

Editor, *QST*:

It should be noted that the ARRL operates as one of its activities an "Old Timers' Club" for the express purpose of giving recognition to those individuals with amateur activity of 20 years or more. I contend that this honor is adequate and suitable, that recognition by fellow amateurs is more appropriate than recognition by the FCC, and that handling of such honors has been conducted in a fair and suitable manner.

— Guy Black, W6RLB

THE 7-MC. PROPOSALS

86 Whitney Road
Medford 55, Mass.

Editor, *QST*:

I am emphatically in favor of extending 'phone to all present DX portions of all bands. Due to unbearable crowded conditions on 20- and 80-meter phone, at least 75 per cent of these bands should be assigned to 'phone operation. Why should foreign amateurs be given nearly clear frequencies while we are mired in QRM.

— Allan S. Dewar, W1RBH

P. O. Box 251
Loma Linda, Calif.

Editor, *QST*:

The only chance that the man with the low-power rig has is to work c.w. and the 40-meter band is the only good year-around c.w. band that we have.

Therefore my own sentiments are: Whatever you do don't let those 'phone men get into the 40-meter band, or for that matter don't give them anything more than what they already have.

— Maurice J. Blais, W6BBV

114 Idlewild Drive
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Editor, *QST*:

Regarding editorial in December *QST*. I am for 7-Mc. 'phone. I request you do all possible to obtain a portion of this band for 'phone use.

— Lewis Kanoy, W4DCW

7128 Patricia Lane
Houston, Texas

Editor, *QST*:

Unless it is necessary to open the 40-meter band to 'phone to keep the band for amateur use, I am opposed to this change.

— Harold C. Myers, W6SHD

12937 Memorial
Detroit 27, Mich.

Editor, *QST*:

I want to voice my humble opinion on the 40-meter 'phone situation. We've got the foreign 'phone and broadcast in the band now and nothing can be done about it. That's OK with me. It makes operating a little more difficult which should increase our skill. However, if the band was opened to our own 'phone boys I'm afraid the band would be ruined. For my money, 7 Mc. is the only band and let's keep it like it is.

— Jack W. Norland, W8GNA

1213 N. Sylvania Ave.
Fort Worth, Texas

Editor, *QST*:

I want to register against 'phone use for forty-meter band.

— South Texas Emergency NCS, W5RIJ

740 Vogel Place
E. St. Louis, Ill.

Editor, *QST*:

Heard 'phone to be put on seven megacycles. This is to let you know there are strong objections on my part and the many stations handling traffic and using only c.w.

— Fred W. Dezonis, W9EBX

Portal, N. D.

Editor, *QST*:

For goodness sakes, let's not recommend to the FCC that part of the 40 band be made available for the 'phone boys. Some of us are still c.w. operators, and let us have a little space for some good old c.w. operation.

We have enough foreign stuff in 40 now. Let's keep the U.S.A. 'phone boys off the 40 band.

— W. C. Hoel, W0DMK

AFF Board 1
Fort Bragg, N. C.

Editor, *QST*:

I understand that the FCC is considering a new amateur radio rule making to authorize radiotelephone operation in 100 kc. of the amateur 40-meter band.

I am opposed to any such change. I operate my amateur radio station W4KE on both c.w. and 'phone on all author-

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Operating News



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"RACES" a Challenging Development. The new proposed Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service rules are discussed briefly under "Happenings of the Month." This development, to assist in integrating amateur facilities into civil defense, follows the general pattern discussed in this section, April '51 *QST*. Announcement of the proposed FCC rule-making follows close on the heels of the government-industry-users FCDA conference of December 10th-15th in which ARRL represented the amateur service. RACES rules would in no way change present requirements and privileges for amateur operation. A new Sub-Part B is designed to provide for continued civil defense operations, in designated subbands, in the event normal amateur operation should have to be suspended because of intensification of the national emergency. It is a way in which selected amateurs who can measure up can operate in controlled fashion to render a public civil defense service. Full text of the proposed RACES rules has been printed and distributed to field officials, including all ARRL Emergency Coordinators.

In RACES we find a responsibility that every licensed amateur should meet. It is a matter of self-preservation for all citizens to do their part in some branch of civil defense. It is in the tradition of amateur radio to render public service by fulfilling communications requirements in emergency. This time the service bears the name *radio amateur*. May we suggest that it is not a time for us to be flattered at the implied compliment, but rather to gird ourselves to get into RACES at the first opportunity. We must show we can do a responsible job when given the chance. *How* we embrace opportunity *individually* will determine the standing of our service in the future. We must accept the challenge.

After determination of this proposal it will re-

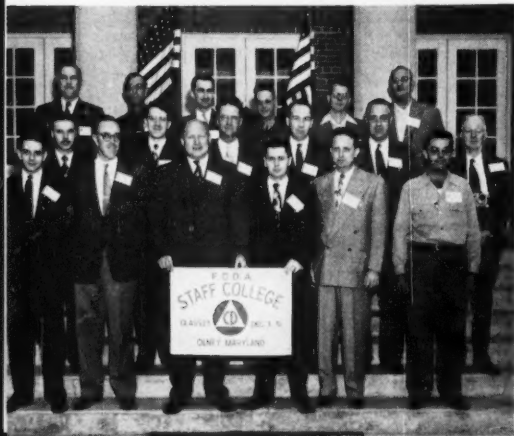
quire time for Washington to inform state and regional Federal Civil Defense Administration officials of the detailed provisions. Continuing ARRL recommendations are:

- 1) that amateurs all become registered with the AREC;
- 2) that SECs and ECs work closely with and become part of their respective civil defense councils, accept posts as Radio Officer and Communications Officer as these may be proffered, looking to implementation of the RACES plan, and;
- 3) that individual amateurs and EC groups so demonstrate their local radio plans, and participate in any civil defense drills in responsible fashion as to be ready for individual application and RACES authorizations, just as early in '52 as the proposed rules are evaluated and adopted.

Pointers for Novice Operation. One of the Novice QSOs noted while taking part in the recent "SS" drew the number "52," indicating that these newcomers to amateur radio were stepping right along in that week-end activity. A thoughtful letter from WN8IDP has some meaty material that may be of value not only in contests but in everyday operation. Here are some of his pointers:

- 1) To eliminate the string of — — — — following an exchange of report, power, antenna, name, QTH, etc., **always ask a question** not related to ham radio. (Occupation, vacations, articles, equipment, families . . . no limit to the subject.)
- 2) Be sure to use the ending symbols AR, K, and SK properly. So many place SK after the call instead of after the transmission. (ARRL has an Operating Aid, sent gratis on request, that gives the proper definition and examples of use of each of the ending signals.)
- 3) Be sure you have a good antenna and are loading it.
- 4) Don't worry either about receiving equip-

Out of a total attendance of 57, six state, three county and six city civil defense organizations were represented by amateurs at a special communications course for civil defense given at the FCDA Staff College in Olney, Md., Dec. 3rd-8th. ARRL and the Red Cross were also represented. A few (marked with an asterisk) remained for the FCDA communications conference held at the same place the following week. *Front row, l. to r.:* WILKF, WIBDI*, WBEVD, WBEQK, W4HIJ/W5ECY, W5DCV*; *middle row, l. to r.:* W3RJQ, W3NPQ, W7KGL, WINJM*, W3SLG, W4LHP*; *top row, l. to r.:* W8ZYG, W5AMT, W8HDI, W7KX*, W8RUO, W6EE.



QST for

ment, *the operating technique* you develop is what counts. Learn to lose some interfering signals at zero beat. Become "tone conscious;" this often permits successful copy through QRM.

5) Having contacted the station, it is not necessary to make three times three calls at the end of each QSO. Make it a one times one except when calling initially to insure the chance for the receiving operator to tune you in.

6) It is often quicker to listen for a CQ instead of calling for a CQ . . . obtaining crystals spaced about 10 kc. apart will make it possible to answer close to the frequency of the calling station.

7) Reserve the thoughts of voice operation until you get that General Class ticket. Keep the code speed coming along.

8) When the QRM is at a peak and QSO opportunities less, spend some time copying a selected QSO in progress to help your code speed. Pick a strong station going just a wee bit faster than comfortable for you to receive.

9) Don't be discouraged because you are limited to 75 watts. Power is less a consideration than the propagation conditions. Keep track of your states worked and have fun with low power.

Sportsmanship. W7NRB (PAM Washington) would like to see presented some claimed results accomplished on 100 watts or less; we agree they would prove interesting. Low power results are popular. One club just completed a successful low-power contest among its membership. W7NRB writes his sincere belief that The Old Man would find it revolting to hear some of the boys on 20 meters, each running a "cool gallon," having a two-hour rag chew at the amazing distance of eight blocks! VQ3HJP in Tanganyika writing of his successful work in the BERU contest wrote "Hordes of Ws called DX stations after their CQ BERU . . . and, as an example, blotted out MD5KW. . . ." DX should never be that scarce, that we cease to have patience and courtesy in operating. It is this attitude that drives some respectable amateurs to follow other paths in amateur work perhaps? On the contrary it is heartening to see the sportsmanship in helping a Novice make his first QSO when he has the jitters, or to see the loving care and pains to get a message through accurately under adverse conditions.

In working DX it is considered unsporting to call stations *exactly* on their frequency! Where many stations are zero beat, few or none at all can be read and the DX listens elsewhere. Also, anyone zero beat with the DX will prevent others from hearing any reply. Then, always move *further* from the DX station's frequency if you don't raise him, before sending a CQ. Nothing is *less* sporting than to deliberately prevent others from working the DX you cannot raise. This is, by the way, one of the quickest methods of purchasing a one-way ticket on the road to unpopularity.

Best DX for February and March! ARRL's 18th International DX competition is scheduled, rules were completely detailed in January QST. More-than-the-usual advance notice has been

sent overseas to invite members of other amateur societies to participate fully this year. Given good conditions we should find plenty of new DX thrills and contacts available . . . whether or not we end up with really impressive scores!

How one operates should always be much more important to the participant than what the score is. We urge all to avoid the type of operating that constitutes a bludgeoning or discourteous method of trying to get contacts. The calling of long loud frequent and insistent CQs is not as productive of DX for Ws, as a rule, as listening and calling the DX *at the right time* with break-in to minimize unnecessary calls. It is hoped that all operation will be in conformance with the ARRL DX Operating Code. Copies of this as printed Operating Aid No. 5 are available on request. The points were gotten up as a cross-section of DX-operating amateurs' opinion, both domestically and internationally, and aimed at discouraging those poorer practices that have driven some hams from DX. Contest suggestions: (1) Make calls *short*. (2) Observe frequency band limits applicable, on penalty of disqualification. (3) Keep signals clean — no clicks, feed-back or splatter, etc. (4) Make *reports* honest as well as the power figures given as the first and latter section of serial number exchanges. (5) Be guided by tuning instructions, such as 15 U, 20 D, etc., indicating when given the kc. up or down from a frequency. (6) Call DX *only* after it signs SK, sends QRZ? or calls CQ. The loser in this DX fray is the chap who doesn't get in on the operating fun. We can hope for good propagation conditions! *Here's luck and DX in the competition.*

— F. E. H.

ARRL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Jan. 5th: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
Jan. 12th-13th: V.H.F. Sweepstakes
Jan. 12th-27th: Novice Round-up
Jan. 17th: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW, W7TOD
Jan. 19th-20th: CD QSO Party (c.w.)
Jan. 26th-27th: CD QSO Party (phone)
Feb. 1st-3rd: DX Competition (phone)
Feb. 3rd: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
Feb. 5th: Frequency Measuring Test
Feb. 15th-17th: DX Competition (phone)
Feb. 15th: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW, W7TOD
Feb. 29th, Mar. 1st-2nd: DX Competition (c.w.)
Mar. 7th: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
Mar. 14th-16th: DX Competition (c.w.)
Mar. 17th: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW, W7TOD
Apr. 5th: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
Apr. 12th-13th: CD QSO Party (c.w.)
Apr. 15th: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW, W7TOD
Apr. 19th-20th: CD QSO Party (phone)
May 4th: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
May 14th: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW, W7TOD
June 6th: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
June 7th, 8th: V.H.F. Contest
June 19th: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW, W7TOD
June 21st-22nd: ARRL Field Day

BRASS POUNDERS LEAGUE

Winners of BPL Certificates for November traffic:

| Call | Orig. | Recd. | Del. | Rel. | Total |
|---------------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| W3CUL | 307 | 1557 | 1502 | 326 | 3692 |
| K6GFAA | 1503 | 885 | 328 | 557 | 3273 |
| W6KYY | 276 | 1386 | 424 | 956 | 3042 |
| W8TQD | 2 | 933 | 917 | 8 | 1860 |
| K6WAE | 12 | 655 | 645 | 5 | 1317 |
| W4PL | 10 | 655 | 567 | 79 | 1311 |
| W9JUI | 52 | 645 | 594 | 20 | 1311 |
| W8CE | 10 | 570 | 557 | 3 | 1140 |
| K4WAR | 210 | 396 | 370 | 26 | 1002 |
| W6BAM | 39 | 421 | 341 | 76 | 877 |
| W8ZJO | 10 | 346 | 290 | 53 | 699 |
| K9FAE | 32 | 324 | 307 | 22 | 685 |
| W5GZK | 14 | 334 | 328 | 5 | 681 |
| W6GYH | 14 | 324 | 268 | 74 | 680 |
| W7CZY | 9 | 336 | 327 | 6 | 678 |
| W9EGQ | 4 | 313 | 304 | 11 | 632 |
| W7IOQ | 38 | 261 | 264 | 32 | 595 |
| W1EMG | 2 | 283 | 254 | 25 | 564 |
| W2RUF | 52 | 277 | 188 | 37 | 554 |
| W1SJO | 26 | 258 | 130 | 126 | 540 |
| W5MN | 8 | 251 | 218 | 30 | 507 |
| W4PU | 3 | 250 | 229 | 21 | 503 |
| W5PTV | 10 | 269 | 216 | 7 | 502 |
| Late Reports | | | | | |
| W8TQD (Sept.) | 9 | 1105 | 1057 | 24 | 2195 |
| W8TQD (Oct.) | 6 | 764 | 734 | 15 | 1519 |
| W9ILH (Sept.) | 16 | 615 | 561 | 54 | 1246 |
| W9ILH (Oct.) | 7 | 336 | 280 | 56 | 679 |
| K6GAAV (Oct.) | 75 | 242 | 204 | 38 | 559 |

The following made the BPL for 100 or more originations-plus-deliveries:

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| W5RIQ 260 | VE1YV 118 | W7BA 102 |
| W7NRB 199 | VE1MK 109 | W2COU 101 |
| W9NZZ 183 | W1MX 107 | W9DGA 100 |
| W6BSD 134 | W1SS 107 | |
| W8PGX 121 | W9TT 104 | Late Reports |
| W5RIM 120 | W8CPB 103 | K6PAJ (Oct.) 112 |

A message total of 500 or more or 100 or more originations-plus-deliveries will put you in line for a place in the BPL. The Brass Pounders League is open to all operators who qualify for this monthly listing.

TRAFFIC TOPICS

With a lot of civil defense and GI traffic floating around these days, many traffic handlers feel called upon to decide the question of importance, or priority, of the various types of messages they handle.

Actually, we ought to stop reading the texts of messages we handle. It's none of our business, really. We have never used a priority system in amateur message handling, except occasionally to insert the word "rush" or "urgent" in the preamble, after the check. ARRL has always avoided trying to set up any such priority system because of the difficulties involved in questions of who classifies the message, who can change the classification, and what to do if an obviously unimportant message comes through with a high priority classification. Still, we amateurs (most of us, anyway) are handling traffic because of the satisfaction we get out of rendering a service. Our service is purely voluntary, and we'll b'gosh handle traffic or refuse to handle traffic strictly in accordance with our own personal views on what is important and what is not important—so reasons the majority.

We are not proposing a solution to this problem, but only making some observations. To begin with, the handling operator is not necessarily a good judge of the importance or urgency of any message he is handling, since the text may contain meanings not obvious to him. A message of greeting from a GI in Korea to his mother in the States may be, and invariably is, considered of greater importance than a message to Washington reporting participation in the Simulated Emergency Test, but in the final analysis the former earns the gratitude of a mother, the latter the respect of a government agency. The gratitude would still be there if the message were delivered a day later, but the respect diminishes sharply with the passage of time, and may even turn into contempt.

The armed services during the last war usually had classification officers in their message centers to set precedent ratings on outgoing messages. Even so, the tendency was to overclassify, and in many cases, the system used came close to breaking down. We amateurs who handle traffic provide the communication; someone else provides the contents of that communication and that someone, if anyone, should indicate its importance. As far as we are concerned, whether the text reads, "having a fine time, wish you were here" or "am perfectly okay, Mom, don't worry," we ought to stop reading the messages we handle and give them all our best service.

During September the traffic count of the Transcontinental "Phone Net" members (reporting) in the Eastern areas totalled 4134. The October count will be very much larger, since the overseas traffic has been very heavy during the past few weeks. The net operates daily, including Sundays and holidays on 3970 kc. 1830 to 2030 local time.

—W2LMB, Area 2 Director

A total of 266 nets is listed on the new multithread Net Directory which is now in the hands of key emergency and traffic personnel and is available upon request to any others. This 12-page production includes a list of nets alphabetical by name, by state and then by frequency from low to high. The last two pages constitute a directory and routing guide for the National Traffic System. The Directory shows a registration of 163 "phone nets" and 111 c.w. nets (some nets operate both "phone and c.w. sections). Of the "phone nets, 85 (about one-half) are in the 3.8-4.0 Mc. band; of the c.w. nets, 98 (almost all) are in the 3.5-3.8 Mc. band. The "phone nets" hold 467 sessions per week, the c.w. nets 542 sessions. These data may be of interest.

We are not naive enough to assume that there are no errors in the Directory, or that all nets are included. If your net is not included, or is incorrectly listed, please give us complete and correct information. It may be possible to get out a supplement later in the year.

National Traffic System. QRM, especially from high-powered commercial stations from south of the border, seems to be the main topic of discussion among the NTS nets. It appears that 3670 has become a popular hangout for two of these stations, disrupting the normally smooth operation of the three area nets. RN6 has experienced considerable difficulty with another commercial station on their 3640 frequency.

ARRL has funnelled protests on these and other such matters through proper diplomatic channels, and there is some justification for hoping for a measure of relief in the near future. Meanwhile, we hope nets affected will not "break and flee," but rather shift their center of operation the two or three kilocycles necessary to work through the interference. While doing so, keep us posted on any developments along this line so that our information on the strength, identity, frequency and type of operation of these commercials in the amateur bands will be up to date.

| Net | Sessions | Traffic | High | Low | Av. | Most Consistent |
|------------|----------|---------|------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 1RN | 21 * | 217 | 32 | 1 | 10 | Conn., E. Mass., Vt. |
| 2RN | 59 | 333 | 20 | 0 | 6 | NYS |
| 4RN | 44 | 311 | 15 | 0 | 7 | E. Fla., S. C. |
| RN5 | 44 | 364 | 95 | 0 | 8 | Ark. |
| RN6 | 50 | 834 | | | 17 | L. A., S. D. |
| 8RN | 44 | 100 | 14 | 0 | 2 | Mich. |
| 9RN | 24 | 269 | 27 | 2 | 11 | All |
| TEN | 22 | 672 | | | | Nebr., Ia., Kans. |
| TRN | 44 | 62 | 8 | 0 | 2 | Ont. |
| EAN | 22 | 316 | 35 | 11 | 14 | All 100% |
| CAN | 22 | 362 | 30 | 3 | 16 | 9RN |
| PAN | 22 | 502 | 49 | 8 | 23 | RN6 |
| TLCN (Ia.) | 22 | 241 | 31 | 0 | 11 | |
| QIN (Ind.) | 74 | 951 | 45 | 0 | 13 | |

* Out of 44 sessions held.

Second Regional Net: Certificates have been issued to W2DJF, W2NAI and W2WCL. The 1830 session of 2RN has been well attended, with increasing attendance from NLI. A bulletin issued under date of November 14th outlined plans for the winter season.

Fourth Regional Net: QRM from the commercial radio-telephone station on 3670 often makes it impossible for the 4RN representative to EAN to find the NCS. Plans are being made to send more than one station to EAN when the load gets heavy.

Fifth Regional Net: Certificates have been issued to W5 MWE PCQ RIQ and RWJ. W5RIQ has taken on the job as editor of a monthly RN5 news letter, and does a fine job. The net will conduct week end sessions the last two weeks in December.

Sixth Regional Net: RN6 has changed frequency to 3615. Pressure of SCM duties has necessitated W6JZ's resignation as Manager.

Eighth Regional Net: W8DXX is the new 8RN Manager, replacing W8SCW who resigned to become Manager of EAN. W8ELW is Assistant Net Manager.

Tenth Regional Net: W8SCA wants to give up the Managership by February 1, and negotiations are under way to choose his successor.

Thirteenth Regional Net: VE1HT has earned a Regional Net Certificate. The Maritime Section has become a full participating member of TRN through the efforts of VE1HT and VE1OM.

Eastern Area Net: EAN has maintained its high operating standards under W8SCW. The November report was the last submitted by W2CLL, who leaves EAN as one of the most efficient nets in the East.

Central Area Net: A Saturday night session started in December with W9LKK as NCS. Commercial QRM makes operation difficult.

Pacific Area Net: W0ZJO reports that at last he is getting some help on PAN. W6CE is back on the job and will help out on PAN.

ELECTION RESULTS

Valid petitions nominating a single candidate as Section Manager were filed in a number of Sections, as provided in our Constitution and By-Laws, electing the following officials, the term of office starting on the date given.

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Ohio | John E. Slinger, W8AJW | Dec. 14, 1951 |
| Eastern New York | Stephen J. Neason, W2ILI | Dec. 14, 1951 |
| North Dakota | Everett E. Hill, W0YKP | Dec. 20, 1951 |

In the Eastern Pennsylvania Section of the Atlantic Division, Mr. John H. DuBois, W3BXE, and Mr. William H. Wiand, W3BIP, were nominated. Mr. DuBois received 195 votes and Mr. Wiand received 178 votes. Mr. DuBois' term of office began November 24, 1951.

ELECTION NOTICE

(To all ARRL members residing in the Sections listed below.) You are hereby notified that an election for Section Communications Manager is about to be held in your respective Sections. This notice supersedes previous notices.

Nominating petitions are solicited. The signatures of five or more ARRL full members of the Section concerned, in good standing, are required on each petition. No member shall sign more than one petition.

Each candidate for Section Communications Manager must have been a licensed amateur for at least two years and similarly a full member of the League for at least one continuous year immediately prior to his nomination.

Petitions must be in West Hartford, Conn., on or before noon on the closing dates specified. In cases where no valid nominating petitions were received in response to previous notices, the closing dates are set ahead to the dates given herewith. The complete name, address, and station call of the candidate should be included with the petition. It is advisable that eight or ten full member signatures be obtained, since on checking names against Headquarters files, with no time to return invalid petitions for additions, a petition may be found invalid by reason of expiring memberships, individual signers uncertain or ignorant of their membership status, etc.

The following nomination form is suggested: (Signers will please add city and street address to facilitate checking membership.)

Communications Manager, ARRL (place and date)
38 La Salle Road, West Hartford, Conn.

We, the undersigned full members of the _____
Division, hereby nominate _____
as candidate for Section Communications Manager for this
Section for the next two-year term of office.

Elections will take place immediately after the closing dates specified for receipt of nominating petitions. The

ballots mailed from Headquarters to full members will list in alphabetical sequence the names of all eligible candidates.

You are urged to take the initiative and file nominating petitions immediately. This is your opportunity to put the man of your choice in office.

— F. E. Handy, Communications Manager

| Section | Closing Date | SCM | Present Term Ends |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Connecticut | Feb. 1, 1952 | Walter L. Glover | Apr. 14, 1952 |
| San Francisco | Feb. 1, 1952 | R. F. Cseikowitz | Apr. 14, 1952 |
| San Joaquin | | | |
| Valley | Feb. 1, 1952 | E. Howard Hale | Apr. 15, 1952 |
| Oklahoma | Feb. 15, 1952 | Frank E. Fisher | Resigned |
| Alberta * | Feb. 15, 1952 | Sydney T. Jones | May 1, 1952 |
| Utah | Feb. 18, 1952 | Leonard F. Zimmerman | Dec. 20, 1951 |
| Louisiana | Mar. 14, 1952 | Robert E. Barr | May 31, 1952 |
| Manitoba * | Apr. 1, 1952 | A. W. Morley | June 15, 1952 |
| Nevada | Apr. 1, 1952 | Carroll W. Short, jr. | June 15, 1952 |
| Virginia | Apr. 1, 1952 | H. Edgar Lindauer | June 15, 1952 |
| Eastern Mass. | Apr. 1, 1952 | Frank L. Baker, jr. | June 15, 1952 |
| Ontario * | Apr. 1, 1952 | G. Eric Farquhar | June 15, 1952 |
| Idaho | Apr. 1, 1952 | Alan K. Rose | June 17, 1952 |

* In Canadian Sections nominating petitions for Section Managers must be addressed to Canadian Director Alex Reid, 169 Logan Ave., St. Lambert, Quebec. To be valid such petitions must be filed with him on or before the closing dates named.

DX CENTURY CLUB AWARDS

HONOR ROLL

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| W1FH.....214 | W0YXO.....237 | W2BXA.....230 |
| W8HGW.....211 | W6ENV.....235 | W3KT.....230 |
| W3BES.....240 | G2PL.....233 | W3GHD.....230 |
| W6VFR.....237 | W3CPV.....232 | |

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| W1FH.....212 | XE1AC.....205 | W9RBI.....187 |
| PY2OK.....208 | LU6AJ.....202 | W1NWO.....187 |
| VQ4ERR.....207 | W8HGW.....197 | W2BXA.....186 |
| | W1JCK.....190 | |

From November 15 to December 15, 1951, DXCC certificates and endorsements based on postwar contacts with 100-or-more countries have been issued to the amateurs listed below.

NEW MEMBERS

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| G3BNC.....126 | F9QU.....107 | OE5CA.....101 |
| W2ABM.....114 | Z89RI.....106 | GRJO.....100 |
| W4JTB.....112 | HB9BJ.....106 | W5QN.....100 |
| HB9AO.....111 | K1H6DQ.....106 | OZ4KX.....100 |
| HB9KU.....109 | W7PGX.....105 | GM8AT.....100 |
| HB9EL.....109 | DL3HZ.....102 | Y810.....100 |
| W0MJM.....108 | 1IBC.....101 | W5NTT.....100 |
| | CT3AA.....101 | |

RADIOTELEPHONE

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| G3FNN.....131 | G3BNC.....114 | VE3AOL.....100 |
| | W4NDE.....109 | |

ENDORSEMENTS

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| W1ME.....221 | GM3AVA.....101 | SM5WJ.....136 |
| W8JIN.....221 | W8EYE.....161 | W6KEK.....132 |
| ZL1HY.....212 | W1HA.....160 | W9NZZ.....131 |
| F8BS.....212 | W5CEW.....160 | W4ITY.....130 |
| W2CYS.....194 | W4NNH.....160 | W6ETJ.....130 |
| LA7Y.....193 | OH2NB.....153 | W8MFB.....125 |
| W4BRB.....191 | W3FLH.....151 | W8AE.....124 |
| W2HMJ.....191 | 1IXK.....150 | LA5S.....122 |
| W8BKP.....186 | W1LZE.....150 | SM3ARE.....121 |
| HB9EU.....182 | ON4FQ.....150 | W4LYV.....121 |
| W8UDR.....181 | G3BI.....145 | W0TKX.....120 |
| LU7CD.....180 | CX1BZ.....142 | Z83K.....112 |
| G2MI.....180 | TA3GVU.....141 | G3BXN.....110 |
| W0EYR.....180 | W3JYS.....140 | W3LVF.....110 |
| Z86BW.....180 | W6KYG.....140 | W2EQS.....110 |

RADIOTELEPHONE

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| ZL1HY.....170 | W8HUD.....140 | F8SK.....120 |
| W3JNN.....161 | W4OM.....132 | LA7Y.....115 |
| ZL2GX.....160 | W8DMD.....121 | SM5WJ.....113 |
| GM3AVA.....150 | W2JY.....120 | W8DFQ.....110 |



Your Communications Manager and NEC spent two weeks at the FCDA Staff College at Olney, Maryland, in early December, one week to absorb some general information on the broad subject of civil defense and a second week to participate as ARRL representatives in a communications conference consisting of representatives of local and state governments, the federal government, manufacturers and national organizations. ECs and other AREC officials will have received further details concerning the facts absorbed during those weeks, but we think it appropriate to make a few comments in this column to acquaint all amateurs with the thinking and attitudes of people concerned outside of amateur circles.

Voluminous notes and mimeographed and printed material acquired during the first week's session of lectures on general civil defense subjects (with emphasis on communications) will testify that we were exposed to a broad and somewhat extensive education on the subject. If we learned nothing else, we learned one thing very well — that there is a terrific amount of information of a background nature which the average civil defense communicator needs but does not have; and that includes us amateurs. In the communications picture alone, we of the amateur service are sometimes prone to close our eyes to two basic premises underlying our participation: (1) That radio facilities are required to back up wire facilities and to provide communication between points where such facilities are not available, and (2) that ours is not the only radio service involved. The first premise is fairly obvious if you stop to think about it, and the second is an eye-opener. Of the 99 persons listed in the rosters of the various committees into which the Conference divided itself, 32 were representatives of state government civil defense, and 23 represented national organizations which had radio communication as their only or primary concern. Eighteen different such national organizations were represented, including ARRL. In addition there were 16 representatives of the federal government, 12 of local (city) government, 10 manufacturers and six commercial communications services (mostly AT&T). The Conference started with a full day of orientation and indoctrination into the problems to be considered. The second day the group was divided into seven committees, each to undertake a detailed study of one or more specific aspects of the radio communications problem in civil defense. These committees worked all day long, and sometimes far into the night, to accomplish their desired objectives and come up, at the end of the week, with some recommendations and conclusions which would be useful to FCDA in compiling its communications manual and formulating its future policies. Despite the fact that your two Headquarters representatives could not be everywhere at once, amateur radio was well represented in all committees, and recommendations and conclusions coming out of these committees at the end of the Conference all considered the rôle of the amateur a significant one, generally speaking. The status of the

proposed Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service came in for a good bit of discussion, and recommendations were made both formally and informally that regulations for this service be finalized at an early date.

At the termination of the Conference, when we were collecting the frazzled ends of our nerves in preparation to returning to our respective occupations, one of our colleagues asked us if the extent to which the amateur figured in civil defense communication was not a little more than slightly disturbing to us. Our reply was that of course the amateurs could to the job expected of them; but it's going to take some doing, fellows.

Six mobile units of the Birmingham Amateur Radio Club assisted at the wreck of two crack passenger trains on the Southern Railroad near Woodstock, Alabama, on November 25th. Other stations of the Alabama Emergency Net acted as control and contact points for the mobiles. SCM W4RTI organized the Alabama Emergency Net, with the help of W4FGT, to arrange hospital accommodations, notify relatives and handle inquiries about persons on the trains. Five mobile units went to the scene of the wreck, while another went to the fire tower on Double Oak Mountain to act as a relay station. The call-letter license plate on the mobile unit assisted materially in getting past the state highway patrol lines; however, some trouble was experienced in getting railroad officials to recognize the ability of these amateurs to relay communications, although only two telephone lines were in use.

As a result of the experience, the sheriff deputized 11 amateurs so that recognition would be forthcoming immediately in any future emergency. Additionally, public agencies which might be involved in an emergency were given the telephone numbers and addresses of six AREC officials so that amateur assistance can get under way immediately. A probably incomplete list of those who participated includes W4s EBD EJC FGT KNW KXX KZY NS OLG RTI and SDX.

On November 14th the Kings County AREC supplied communications for civil defense during the simulated atom bomb burst at the Williamsburgh section of Brooklyn. In spite of many difficulties we maintained communication with our mobiles over the complete length of Brooklyn. W2BIV operated through control from W2WDH/M pending the installation of fixed equipment. During the drill, a photographer was stricken with a heart attack. W2BUU/M at the scene relayed the information to W2PQK/M, thence to W2BIV. W2BIV contacted W2GQK who called the police and an ambulance was dispatched. The net relayed the information 30 seconds before the c.d. authorities could report it by other means.

The drill revealed several weak spots in mobile communications which will be remedied.

— W2BIV, EC Kings County, New York

"Operation Airevac," to provide communication for the Civil Air Patrol during a simulated emergency, took place on Sunday, November 18th. The AREC of Wayne County, Ind., first received notice on Wednesday, November 14th. Communication was desired by the CAP between the Richmond Airport and the Connorsville and Winchester Airports. Also, between the Richmond Airport and Civil Defense Headquarters in Richmond. Seventy-five meter 'phone was used between the Richmond, Connorsville and Winchester

The AREC of Richmond, Ind., under the leadership of EC W9ZMP, helped supply some of the radio communication in "Operation Airevac" last November 18th. Shown above is the 75-meter operating position at the Richmond airport with W9PSD at the mike and W9KQE assisting. At the far left of the picture, on the other side of the two unidentified CAP telephone operators, is the two-meter operating position, normally occupied by W9GQD. Amateurs set up transmitters and receivers at three airports and Civil Defense headquarters in Richmond.



QST for

Airports. Two-meter 'phone was used between the Richmond Airport and Civil Defense Headquarters in Richmond. In addition a fixed 75-meter station was assigned as a stand-by station to help keep communication channels open for the lower-powered portable units at the three airports.

At 0540 on Sunday, air raid alert signals were sounded. All operating personnel proceeded to their assigned stations. Communication was established with W9NVA at Richmond Airport at 0615, with Connorsville at 0625, with W9GJG at Civil Defense Headquarters at Richmond at 0630, and with Winchester at 0845. All departure and arrival reports were handled as received from CAP Headquarters. It was necessary on several occasions to use stand-by station W9MUR to relay messages to Connorsville and to help clear a channel for the portable stations. The "all clear" signal was sounded at 1100. Communications were secured when all planes had returned to Richmond Airport at 1130. Taking part were W9s CVU EZB GJG GOS GQD IFK KQE MGQ NVA PSD ZFR and ZMP.

— W9ZMP, EC Wayne County, Ind.

Amateur stations in Northern Vermont on November 14th provided a demonstration of civil defense communication facilities afforded through amateur operations. The audience heard both sides of each transmission via auditorium loudspeakers connected with receiving and transmitting apparatus operated before them. All transmissions were by voice. The actual demonstration continued for 16 minutes during which time 10 messages were received via seven stations. W1s AXN ETE KJG MMV OKH QQN RWX SEL TBG and TLI/1 participated.

— W1KJG

The Cuyahoga County AREC held its second Hidden Transmitter Hunt on October 8th. The transmitters on each band — 10, 75 and 80 meters — were located in Washington Park. The emergency net operated on 3650 kc., controlled by the County Net Control located at Cooley Farms. Approximately 225 amateurs used about 75 mobiles and 25 fixed stations to locate the hidden transmitter, which took about 35 minutes. The entire hunt was done with the cooperation of the Superintendent of Communications on the Cleveland Police Department and the Director of Civil Defense of the City of Cleveland.

Several letters have recently been received suggesting that we establish a frequency in each band which can be used for calling purposes to clear casual or random traffic of either a personal or emergency nature.

We think that this is a swell idea. In fact, we have thought so for quite some time. Back about the first of January, 1950, we decided that the National Emergency Net frequencies might be used for this purpose when no emergency existed, and this change was announced by a squib in *Traffic Topics* (February 1950 *QST*, page 56), and revised wording in the box which is printed in almost every issue of *QST* (page 57, same issue). This box has been running in *QST* since that time — in 16 issues, to be exact. It was last

printed in December 1951 *QST*, page 75, and will also be in this issue if room can be found for it.

Okay, if it's a good idea, let's use it. The best way to do this is to avoid use of those frequencies except for calling and making contact. Of course this is easier said than done, since our bands are crowded, and we cannot afford to leave any channels unused; but when you are stuck with traffic which for some reason or other cannot be put on a regular traffic net, try a directional CQ on one of the listed National Calling and Emergency Frequencies. If, at other times, you yourself will monitor one or more of these frequencies, you may be able to do a service for someone else who similarly has traffic. But remember — emergencies have priority!

CODE-PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

Twice each month special transmissions are made to enable you to qualify for the ARRL Code Proficiency Certificate. The next qualifying run from W1AW/W9TQD will be made on February 15th at 2130 EST. Identical texts will be sent simultaneously by automatic transmitters. Frequencies of transmission from W1AW will be 1885, 3555, 7130, 14,100, 28,060, 52,000 and 146,000 kc. W9TQD will transmit on 3534 kc. The next qualifying run from W6WPF only will be transmitted on Feb. 3rd at 2100 PST on 3590 and 7248 kc.

Any person may apply; neither ARRL membership nor an amateur license is required. Send copies of all qualifying runs to ARRL for grading, stating the call of the station you copied. If you qualify at one of the five speeds transmitted, 10 through 35 w.p.m., you will receive a certificate. If your initial qualification is for a speed below 35 w.p.m., you may try later for endorsement stickers.

Code-practice transmissions are made from W1AW each evening at 2130 EST. References to texts used on several of the transmissions are given below.

| Date | Subject of Practice Text from December <i>QST</i> |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 4th: | <i>A Complete Portable 40-Meter C.W. Station</i> , p. 11 |
| Feb. 6th: | <i>Some Novel Ideas for Bandswitching Mobile Converters</i> , p. 16 |
| Feb. 12th: | <i>A Simplified Electronic Break-In System</i> , p. 20 |
| Feb. 14th: | <i>A Practical Design for Your First Modulator</i> , p. 22 |
| Feb. 18th: | <i>How To Build a Transmitter</i> , p. 24 |
| Feb. 22nd: | <i>A Practical and Economic Approach to Medium Power</i> , p. 29 |
| Feb. 26th: | <i>Compact Automatic Key Design</i> , p. 42 |
| Feb. 28th: | <i>Technical Topics</i> , p. 46 |

W1AW OPERATING SCHEDULE

(All Times Given are Eastern Standard Time)

Operating-Visiting hours:

Monday through Friday: 1500-0300 (following day)
Saturday: 1900-0230 (Sunday)
Sunday: 1500-2230

General Operation: Refer to page 75, October, 1951, *QST* (see also page 73, December, 1951 *QST*) for a chart showing W1AW general operation. This schedule is still in effect and is not reproduced herewith for space considerations. Mimeographed complete master schedules of all W1AW operation in EST, CST, MST, PST or GCT are available upon request.

On Saturdays and Sundays during which official ARRL activities are being conducted, W1AW will forego general-contact schedules in favor of participation in the activity concerned.

Official ARRL Bulletin Schedule: Bulletins containing latest information on matters of general amateur interest are transmitted on regular schedules:

Frequencies:

C.W. — 1885, 3555, 7130, 14,100, 52,000, 146,000 kc.
'Phone — 1885, 3950, 14,280, 52,000, 146,000 kc.

Times:

Sunday through Friday, 2000 by c.w., 2100 by 'phone.
Monday through Saturday, 2330 by 'phone, 2400 by c.w.
Code-Proficiency Program: Practice transmissions are made on the above-listed c.w. frequencies, starting at 2130 daily. Speeds are 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 w.p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 5, 7½, 10 and 13 w.p.m. on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Approximately ten minutes of practice is given at each speed. Next certificate qualifying run from W1AW and W9TQD is scheduled for January 17th; from W6WPF, February 15th.

NATIONAL CALLING AND EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES

| C.W. | 'PHONE |
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| 7100 kc. (day) | 3875 kc. |
| 3550 kc. (night) | 14,225 kc. |
| 14,050 kc. | 29,640 kc. |
| 28,100 kc. | |

During periods of communications emergency these channels will be monitored by stations of the National Emergency Net for personal-inquiry traffic. At other times, these frequencies can be used as general calling frequencies to expedite general traffic movement between amateur stations. Emergency traffic has precedence. After contact has been made the frequency should be vacated immediately to accommodate other callers.

The following are the National Calling and Emergency Frequencies for Canada: c.w. — 3535, 7050, 14,060; 'phone — 3815, 14,160 kc., 28,250 kc.

MEET THE SCM.

Clarence L. Arundale, W8GBJ, acquired his first license back in 1922, and since that time has held the calls 9CFK and 9GBJ besides his present call.

In addition to his duties as SCM of Missouri, he also is an active Official Relay Station, having held that appointment for the past twenty or more years. An enthusiastic participant in ARRL activities, he is a several-time winner for his section of both the ARRL QSO Party and the Sweepstakes. He holds RCC, WAS, WAC, OTC, DXCC (both prewar and postwar), and Public Service certificates, the latter having been issued to him for his work in the January 1949 Missouri blizzard. He is a present member of the Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club of Springfield, Mo., and for four years was its treasurer.



A combined den and ham shack houses the following equipment: Transmitting tube line-up consists of VFO/crystal, 6V6 doublers, 807 buffer, 100TH final (modulator and speech 57-2A5-p.p. 807s). Receivers are an SX-16 and an HF-10/20. Antenna in regular use is a 67-foot end-fed Zepp. Bands covered are 3.5-, 7-, 14-, and 28-Mc. c.w. and 28-Mc. 'phone.

A secondary hobby of SCM Arundale's is photography and he enjoys watching baseball and basketball games. His employer is McQuerry Bros. Drug Co., for whom he works as head bookkeeper and office manager.

SOUTH DAKOTA WEEK END

In order to assist amateurs who need a contact with South Dakota for WAS, South Dakota hams will conduct another "South Dakota Week End" February 22nd and 23rd. Frequencies to be covered are 3695 and 3755 kc. and the Novice band; 7080 and 7225 kc.; 14,100 and 14,250 kc., and 28,050 and 28,900 kc. All stations will monitor 5 kc. on each side of these calling frequencies February 22nd from 8:00 P.M. to February 23rd 2:00 A.M. CST; they will cover the 10- and 20-meter frequencies February 23rd from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. CST. South Dakota stations will answer to calls of "CQ SD."

BRIEFS

The Canadian Amateur Radio Operators' Association has received inquiries concerning the continued issuance of the "Worked All VE" award. WAVE certificates are still being issued and cards, together with the 25-cent fee, should be sent to Mr. Elton Culp, VE3AUQ, Club Secretary, C.A.R.O.A., 167 Sherwood Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario. Complete details concerning the requirements for WAVE were published on page 34 of May, 1951, QST.

Since publication of the 17th ARRL DX Contest results in October QST, the following errors have come to our attention: W6BYH's 'phone score of 2166 points (38 contacts, 19 multiplier) was omitted from the score tabulations; Leon was the 'phone winner for the San Joaquin Valley section. The 'phone score of East Bay section contestant W6UYX was listed in the c.w. section, but should have appeared in the 'phone section as number two score, 72,285 points. W6UYX, by the way, won the Northern California DX Club's 'phone cup award for his performance in the '51 DX Contest. The score for Wyoming section c.w. winner W7PCGS was erroneously listed as 13,980 points instead of 49,980. The 429-point 'phone score of Ohio contestant W8ZJM was inadvertently listed in the c.w. results and his 32,943-point c.w. score was omitted. A typographical error made W8BBS's 'phone score third in Nebraska; high scorer in his section, Clyde actually made 6156 points. In both c.w. and 'phone tabulations, W9GUV's scores were credited in error to W9GUF. To all concerned, our sincere apologies for the slips.

Erratum: The 1026-point Class C Field Day score of

W3NNX/3, listed on page 126 of December QST, was credited in error to W3NXX/3.

Chess players who work 75-meter 'phone are sought by W4RIZ. The Smithfield, North Carolina, Chess Club already has a number of player-stations combining the two fascinating hobbies. If interested, write John S. Townsend, W4RIZ, Box 177, Smithfield, North Carolina.

WN8HUJ was erroneously issued the call WN8UJ. Until the mistake was corrected, he had the rare distinction of being the only "two-letter" Novice on the air!

HIGH CLAIMED SCORES — 1951 SWEEPSTAKES

The 18th ARRL Sweepstakes, held during the week ends of November 17th and 24th, was a bang-up affair that crammed the bands to overflowing with contest addicts SS'ing their way along and making contacts at a merry clip. No new records have come to our attention, but a large number of scores in the 100,000-or-over class were turned in and the highest over-all c.w. score, usually chalked up by an eastern station, this time came from a West Coaster. The W6s also retained the top positions they have been holding for many years in the 'phone section.

Listed below are the highest claimed scores received. The listings show score, number of contacts, and number of sections worked. All figures are claimed by the contestants and are subject to further checking. Final results will appear in an early issue of QST.

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| W6BJU | 191,250-1064-72 | W3GRF | 119,450-685-70 |
| W3BES | 181,980-1011-72 | W1NXX | 118,998-601-66 |
| W3DGM | 181,125-1050-69 | W2GFG | 118,925-710-67 |
| W4KFC | 172,175-972-71 | W2PWP | 114,885-666-69 |
| W6WIP | 168,358-952-71 | W3PQB | 114,713-665-69 |
| W8IOP | 156,816-1100-72 | W5KTD | 112,998-659-69 |
| W9RQM | 155,488-803-70 | W4IA | 112,470-654-69 |
| W7PGX | 149,975-873-70 | W6PHR | 112,130-648-69 |
| W8TKX | 148,390-836-71 | W3KT | 111,825-630-71 |
| W7KEV | 147,458-839-71 | W5ZD | 111,510-650-69 |
| W3ALB | 144,550-826-70 | W3LYF | 110,831-643-69 |
| W3GAL | 139,410-780-72 | W7FBD | 108,990-614-72 |
| W4CKB | 138,425-802-70 | W9NII | 108,875-650-67 |
| W9OLU/4 | 138,173-802-69 | W9NH | 108,416-419-69 |
| W5GEL | 135,792-947-72 | W6BQT | 107,440-632-68 |
| W4BGO | 132,859-752-71 | W8OVI | 107,415-651-66 |
| W3JTK | 132,770-748-71 | W4KFT | 107,000-630-68 |
| W9FOL | 131,750-776-68 | W2PJM | 106,312-609-70 |
| W3FQZ | 131,100-761-69 | W2HEH | 106,225-607-70 |
| W8RSP | 130,462-750-70 | W3EQA | 105,910-625-68 |
| W8CEG | 128,975-737-70 | W1LYQ | 105,274-630-67 |
| W9WFS | 128,188-736-70 | W3KDP | 104,708-610-69 |
| W4SEY | 127,500-750-68 | W6KZP | 104,475-813-70 |
| W3GDM | 125,848-731-69 | W9KZZ | 103,845-606-69 |
| K2USA | 125,387-722-70 | W3AEL | 103,590-636-65 |
| W3VES | 122,825-723-68 | W3DRD | 100,567-583-69 |
| W3JTC | 122,648-711-69 | W8NC | 100,300-591-68 |
| W6EPZ | 122,580-681-72 | W6MHB | 100,260-558-72 |

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| W6QEU | 116,208-807-72 | W7HAD | 39,525-255-62 |
| W7PUM | 98,153-569-69 | W5VIM | 39,325-242-65 |
| W3LTU | 82,360-464-71 | W6KJK | 38,760-287-68 |
| W1ATE | 82,080-572-72 | W1BFT | 36,720-230-64 |
| W8UKS | 80,730-451-72 | W1JEL | 36,698-316-59 |
| W2MNR | 73,015-440-68 | W8LIO | 35,784-251-72 |
| W3DHM | 67,824-471-72 | W3PWR | 35,642-251-71 |
| W8REU | 65,592-460-72 | W8LAX | 35,604-260-69 |
| W4BRB | 63,700-367-70 | W4KZF | 35,400-240-59 |
| W2SKE | 62,551-454-69 | W2JKH | 34,540-223-62 |
| W4PJU | 62,420-362-69 | W1BFB | 31,616-247-64 |
| W6PRZ | 59,400-415-72 | W0MGV | 30,940-230-68 |
| W6CHV | 58,123-347-67 | K8SAEX | 30,480-256-60 |
| W8AJW | 54,075-310-70 | W5FAB | 29,714-225-62 |
| W8VQD | 51,984-361-72 | W1HRI | 29,450-190-62 |
| W5RIY | 48,100-300-65 | W0BCF | 28,764-214-68 |
| W7EYD | 46,500-302-62 | W7JCO | 27,456-215-64 |
| W5MYI | 45,402-332-69 | W4FV | 27,132-238-57 |
| W5KC | 44,020-310-71 | W8FTX | 27,040-169-64 |
| W9ZTO | 41,925-258-65 | W5HQR | 25,600-200-64 |

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Station Activities
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• All operating amateurs are invited to report to the SCM on the first of each month, covering station activities for the preceding month. Radio Club news is also desired by SCMs for inclusion in these columns. The addresses of all SCMs will be found on page 6.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA—SCM, John H. DuBois, W3BXE—SEC, ISE, RM, BIP. Orchids to the outstanding job done as SCM during the past fifteen years. This, in addition to being active in all phases of amateur radio, is even more noteworthy. Thanks, OM! Positions are open for EC in the following counties: Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, and Wyoming. If you don't know your local EC, contact the SEC, or report into E. Pa. Emergency net on 3610 kc., Mondays at 8 p.m. Those interested in traffic should check into E. Pa. Traffic Net, 3610 kc. at 6:30 p.m. PVY reports that a joint meeting of the Hazleton, Carle, North Branch, and Schuylkill Clubs were held in Weatherly on Nov. 8th. This was high-lighted by a tour of the Tunnel Tube Co. plant. A new kw. on 7 and 14 Mc. may have helped account for CUL's traffic total! CTJ's new location at Star Route, Ambler, is a welcome change from the S7 noise level at the old QTH. As customary, the antennas were erected before the furniture was moved in. With a full Activities Calendar scheduled for the coming season, this column should not lack material. Traffic: W3CUL 3602, AD 249, BIP 222, LQV 111, OML 67, ELI 47, QEW 23, ADE 20, HA 19, EAN 8.

MARYLAND-DELAWARE-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—SCM, James W. John, W3OMN—On Nov. 20th the Chesapeake Amateur Radio Club heard BYG speak on "Two Meter Converter Design and Construction," also "Noise Figure Measurement and Comparison." On Dec. 4th DWX covered "Predicting Propagation Conditions." On Nov. 9th OMN gave a talk to the Rock Creek Amateur Radio Association on antennas. The ARRL TVI film was shown at the Nov. 23rd meeting. The Capitol Suburban Radio Club met Dec. 7th at the QTH of GFF. On Nov. 24th the Washington Radio Club held a "clean up night" at PZA. On Dec. 8th 4NTZ talked about his most recent trip through the Caribbean Area. Slides of some of the DX net along the way were shown. A meeting for the Novices precedes the regular club meetings at WRC. A new network, known as "Ghost to Ghost," has developed in the District of Columbia Area. More than forty Certificates of Superlative Achievement have been issued since Nov. 1st. Further information and details are obtainable from NOL. KBE was subject to some malicious deprecation when his skywires were destroyed. NPQ attended the FCDA Staff College the first week of December. IBDI and INJM also attended that week. IPIGD's XYL, who is in Baltimore, talked to the OM over EQK. EQK is trying to find the P.O. address of PXIAA. ONB has his TVI licked, thanks to PMA and his long-wire interlog. HZLAB, formerly W3ASE, is in Saudi Arabia operating a BC-610 to a "V" antenna. His usual frequency is 14,300 kc. and he hopes to have a four-element beam on 28 Mc. before long. LZV received a citation from the FCC for hearing-aid interference. In order to expedite the processing of applications for ARRL membership, please forward Form 7 directly to your local Emergency Coordinator or to PWB in the District of Columbia or PRL in the State of Maryland. Traffic: W3ECP 140, AKB 57, QZC 56, FWP 53, MCD 37, JZY 31, EQK 25, TT 23, NNX 21, NOE 15, BWT 5, CDG 5, ONB 5.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY—SCM, Lloyd L. Gainey, W2UCY—Twelve mobile units of the South Jersey Mobile Emergency Net participated in a full-scale civil defense drill in Delaware Township on Nov. 27th. Net Control Stations were set up in the Township Police Station and communications were furnished to all fire companies and emergency squads. 28 and 144 Mc. were used by the mobiles and the 144-Mc. fixed station net handled communications to all surrounding communities. PFQ, president of the SJRA, has been appointed EC for Camden County. BQ gave a very interesting account of his early commercial radio operating days at the November meeting of the SJRA. The Gloucester County EC, VX, reports an interesting mobile drill held on the new state turnpike. The Mercer

County Emergency Net meets every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. EST on 147.15 Mc. and invites participation of all local 2-meter hams. ZI recently returned from a mobile vacation in W4- and W5-Land and reports working quite a bit of 75-meter DX running ten watts to his final. WOA has a mobile rig on 75 meters. GCU is working 80 meters with a BC-600 and really is getting out. PFQ is finding it rather difficult to fit his 2-meter mobile rig under the dash on his new Pontiac. SPV passed out cigars the other day in celebration of the birth of his first jr. operator. Send the news along, fellows, and I'll be glad to include it in this column. Traffic: W2RG 118, K2BG 112, W2ASG 14, ZI 2.

WESTERN NEW YORK—SCM, Edward Graf, W2SJY—SEC, UTH, RM, RUF, NYS Net meets on 3615 kc. at 7 and 10:15 p.m.; NYSS on 3625 kc. at 8 p.m. daily. As this is my first report I ask the cooperation of all to assist me in maintaining the high standards established under previous SCMs. Your nets are in need of many more outlets for efficiently handling traffic; check in and give the section better coverage. UTH/FRL is your new SEC. If your county is not represented by an EC, contact him. UAC is in the Army at Pine Cam. GVH is a new call in Watertown. BGO attended a combined meeting of RAWNY and KBT, explaining amateur participation in c.d. EC's are CBA for Orleans Co., GHU for Jefferson Co., QXV for Saint Lawrence Co., and WQO for Warren Co. ICE is experimenting with "V" beams. A 2-meter net is in operation in Oswego Co. Contact ZHU for details. The RAWNY Hamfest was well attended. An interesting talk with slides on TVI was given by IDBM and FCC exams were given by the engineer in charge. Paul Holloway, PPY is back in civvies after 11 years in the Navy. Speakers at KBT recently were Ed Sanders of W3KRA, who spoke on problems of a broadcasting station; RPO, who described the WBEN-TV station; and RUC, who spoke on the conversion of the APQ-9 for outputs of 60 watts on 420 Mc. CIL demonstrated his reflecting telescope. John Williams, of the Rochester Weather Bureau, addressed the Rochester v.h.f. group on weather items of interest to v.h.f. men. NYS c.d. frequencies are 3509.5 kc., 7:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9 a.m. Sun.; 3990 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily; 3970 kc., 9 a.m. Sun. FMH is in Florida for the winter. At the RAWNY meeting QWS spoke on radio commercial eliminators and TKO on auto generator regulators. SB reports that through the efforts of DGIV the Northern Chautauque AREA now meets at the USCG base at Dunkirk. GSH has returned from Alaska and now is living in North Syracuse. The Lockport Radio Club meets the last Saturday of each month in its new club rooms on the premises of RUI where members give code instruction evenings. RARA members gained knowledge from a talk given by FBA on amateur gadgets. The Rochester Emergency group did a grand job during the Brighton Blow-up. A special welcome to the Novices; let's hear of your activities. An amateur radio club, RADEES, has been formed at the University of Buffalo. Officers are FTO, pres.; VZX, vice-pres.; FTR, secy.; WUF, treas.; EGO, act. mgr. Traffic: (Nov.) W2RUF 554, COU 390, DJF 142, NAI 141, SJV 32, FCG 45, OE 40, PCT 28, UYG 5, (Oct.) W2OE 56.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—SCM, Ernest J. Hlinisky, W3KWL—Congratulations to GEG on his election as Atlantic Division Director. Your SCM thanks those who so generously cast their ballots in his favor in the recent election for Vice-Director. Down Pittsburgh-way the Steel City Amateur Radio Club station, KWH, again is heard. The first member of the Club to receive his Novice call is WN3SDV. NKM worked his 19th state, North Carolina, on 144 Mc. OMY is giving 420 Mc. a whirl. UUG is Net Control for the 20-meter YLRL net. GJY is back in the civilian ranks, and is heard on WPA Net with a flea-powered rig. UHN says he has to lick the TVI. From up Erie way QN reports that RUC is still netting one on 28 Mc., with KRJ doing a good job also. AAQ, POS, and GPP say the jr. operators are doing fine and big things are expected from them on the air soon. QN, the Erie EC, is doing big things with the civil defense program. In one of the recent drills those taking part were KKT, ODF, POS, QMY, NXX, LKJ, QMY, OIE, QPP, PTX, and PIY. The Boy Scouts are getting a break with QWL, who is helping them get their Radio Merit Badges. Erie's youngest Novice is WN3SLM. QZE says the Prep Radio Club again is showing signs of activity. UVD is working hard to become an advertising artist. LMM, EC for the Pittsburgh Area, is trying hard to keep things humming in the c.d. Incidentally, the section still is without the services of an SEC. The Western Pennsylvania Emergency Net is sponsoring a 10-meter Ground Wave Contest with prizes going to the most stations worked in the zones designated. Up the cold country way KUN still is doing a nice job as Alternate Control on WPA Traffic Net. The St. Marys Boys Club station, KYR, has been doing a nice job of traffic-handling these

past few months. LEV says he has converted two ARC-5 transmitters but now has TVI so he just pulled out one of the tubes in the p.p. final and lessened the TVI by 50 per cent. Around Mercer County way, the Mercer County Radio Assn. has revived the Pennsylvania-Ohio 2-Meter Net. From the grapevine we hear that Mr. Heim, the Club secretary, has passed his Novice exam and is awaiting his call. The new EC for Mercer County is KQA. Traffic: (Nov.) W3GEG 424, NRE 232, KYR 177, GJY 70, NUG 55, AAX 43, KUN 31, JSH 20, KWL 19, LEV 11, UHN 10, KNQ 4. (Oct.) W3KYR 6.

CENTRAL DIVISION

ILLINOIS — Acting SCM, H. F. Lund, W9KQL — SEC: QLZ, RM: BUK, PAM: UQT. New club officers: DeKalb: KCM, pres.; DRO, vice-pres.; HMM, treas. Springfield: GOJ, pres.; JSD, vice-pres.; MAE, secy.; UQT, custodian. The Quad City Club has new quarters at the Moline Airport. GSB works 20-meter mobile exclusively. CRD is going to 75-meter mobile to use his Advanced Class ticket. SKR is de-TVing the rig with a "dipper." The son-in-law of LQI is WN9OTT. AND and GNU have new HRO-TIs. The latter also is mobile with TBS-50 rig. The Chicago Area Council group is hard at work on the c.d. program with more mobiles needed. BA, JAC, JSQ, KUC, and MCB worked mobile with Scott AFB in a practice air raid. JGJ is converting datherry machine to kw. rig. OXZ is new president of the Quad City Club. NIU saw Miami and the APCO Convention. BKK has returned to 7 Mc. sporting 7 watts to a 6AQ5 VFO. WN9OUW puts loading coils in each leg of a dipole so it will fit on his roof. JMG assists LCG with technical problems. Winnebago County, under the direction of EC HOA, scored 143 points in 45 minutes in the S.E.T. LQP reports the Franklin Park Area conducted a c.d. emergency test with 7 mobiles and 1 fixed station. The control station is located underground and was operated by EC F8S, assisted by his XYL, FZO. Mobiles were BWN, EUX, GQH, KKT, LQP, VEZ, and WFH. WVE reports he was heard on 144 Mc. by a VE3. GBT has a new 75A-2. All members of the Battin family of Elgin are now hams: father, OLV, mother, WN9OTO, daughter June, WN9OTM; and John, MEM. LIG's 10-year-old son passed the Novice exam and is sweating out his ticket. AND, JSP, and IVU all had birthdays the same week so the XYL of IVU gave them a birthday dinner. Also attending were FDL and HKI and families. LHQ and ZEN operate MFS when home on school vacations. JFA had equipment trouble during the S.E.T. However, BUK did an excellent job as unofficial alternate. 3GZH/9 is on the air from Springfield using 20 feet of wire in the basement for an antenna. New OES is MBI of Coleta. Clare is active on 50, 144, and 420 Mc. Please watch the expiration dates on your appointments and send 'em in for endorsement. The North Shore Emergency Net has moved to 29.56 Mc. with 29.64 Mc. reserved for a calling frequency. ZKI cured his TVI when his final plate transformer went up in smoke. OLU now is at K4WCC. CZB completed remodeling his house and is back on ILN. OCW is mobile on 28 Mc. The St. Clair County Club Contest was won by B9FS. Second prize went to HIB, with BA finishing third. K9FAE makes BPL this month. Traffic: (Nov.) K9FAE 685, W0YXJ 196, MEM 105, SXL 75, CSW 72, Q9L 69, YTV 48, BUK 44, CTZ 25, IAY 2. (Oct.) W9ILH 679, YIX 325, KRH 67, DOQ 55, QBH 17, YTV 10, IAY 4, LAX 3, DOR 2. (Sept.) W9ILH 1246, YIX 134, CSW 109, UQT 74, BUK 70, DOQ 60, YTV 10, LIN 7, FRP 4, DOR 2, IAY 2.

INDIANA — SCM, Clifford C. McGuyer, W9DGA — A newly-affiliated club is the Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Assn. of West Lafayette. OMD has 10-meter vertical. FYC has a Novice school. The Kokomo Club is planning a new club bulletin. ORZ is ex-2LXO at Anderson. New OPS are AZJ, FZW, VNF, CGM, KDV, and GSY. New ORS is CWH. New OOs are QLW, RZS, and CGM. NTR is new at St. Meinrad. LHL, ex-CXC, is back on in Union City after an absence of 27 years. LHL is buying a new transmitter for 28, 50, and 144 Mc. BXP has new 300-watt transmitter on 3.8-Mc. phone. HGV is recovering from an illness. CVN is building a new converter for 28 Mc. TT has crystals available for the RFN frequencies. New RFN members are UKV, OCH, BXP, and MDC. PB8 has 20-meter vertical. HZS made a nice score in the phone SS. NJR is building 10-meter mobile. CZI worked 6CHK/6 on 28 Mc. Total QIN traffic for November was 951. CWH has a new break-in system. IGZ received his Advanced Class license. UDD maintained continuous contact with BKJ and FMJ for 225 miles from French Lick to Fort Wayne. RJY has a new antenna on the roof of the Red Cross Building. FMJ needs two states for 75-meter WAS. QIN now has a 4-watt net. MEA has a new all-band transmitter. DUK operates on the Novice frequencies. The Fort Wayne Radio Club now is 31 years old. UDD is chief operator at the Fort Wayne Police Department. PSD, GOS, and NVA are Asst. ECs for ZMP, of Wayne County. JWZ is on 7-Mc. c.w. CGM works on the MARS nets. TT is planning on RFN Novice net. MZE operates K9FBB while in the Air Force. Net Control Stations for IFS are CZO, FMJ, FZW, BNF, FSH, and VNV. New Novice class licensees in

Indiana are PPD, QAV, OWZ, and PFO. ZBK lost his 10-meter beam to the wind. QLW saw MKZ carrying his 10-meter beam down Washington Ave. in Evansville. EZS has new 10-meter beam. Traffic: (Nov.) W9JUI 1311, EGQ 632, TT 376, NZZ 269, LKX 233, TG 233, DGA 165, JBG 139, JTX 123, NZW 130, QW 99, RK 45, CVN 30, CWH 23, CGM 22, FZW 21, DOK 18, RCB 18, BDP 17, RZS 2. (Oct.) W0RZS 5.

WISCONSIN — SCM, Reno W. Goetsch, W9RQM — SEC: UFX, PAM: ESJ, RMS: CBE and IQW. Phone Net (WIN) 3950 kc., 6 p.m. daily. C.W. Net (WIN) 3625 kc., at 7 p.m. daily; slow speed at 6:30 p.m. Net certificates (WIN) issued to PYE, IJH, IFA, TFM, AXS, and BNN. LSK has 807 final with both VFO and crystal. IHW received Advanced Class ticket and is mobile on 75 meters with a TBS-50. DCARC elected as new officers: OVO, pres.; R. Haasmussen, vice-pres.; NKZ, secy.-treas. It looks like Pointe La Poudre as a result of the inter-club SS competition. WVM was represented in the SS by FZC, RLB, QJB, EWM, GKO, IZE, KJM, VHA, HRX, RQM, ZTO, IUQ, FXA, HHE, and JBF. LEE continues dual skeds with 8BBN on 144 Mc. at 0745 and 2100. JZS and ZBY are having transmitter trouble. NYS is on with indoor dipole at new QTH pending erection of tower. OOD worked 26 sections in the SS on 80-meter c.w. with a vertical 2-4-wave antenna. The Point Radio Amateurs elected DPN, pres.; HQT, vice-pres.; BCC, secy.-treas. LKX added to the F8S certificate to his collection. The Kenosha Club, which has applied for ARRL affiliation, has the following officers: GRX, pres.; JCV, vice-pres.; KCL, secy.-treas. TQ is busy with RTTY unit with manual operation for now and auto-call later. WN9OOI passed General Class exam. FES and EYV made a reappearance on 144 Mc. JBF still is holding skeds on 144 Mc. with LEE. DSD, JZS, and JBN are F8S. FAN has new eighteen-element beam up for 144 Mc. Appointments renewed: TQ as OES and SJZ as ORS. Despite TVI complications ERW continues 7-Mc. OBS skeds. After a long absence, SJZ is back on with an HRO-5 and a 50-watt hand-switching exciter. Madison AREC drills every Tuesday evening on 29,620 kc. with 10 to 12 mobiles. UFX is putting mobile equipment in use. The Illinois ARC of communications for State Civil Defense, has appointed RUF as chief of Amateur Radio Service. A new call in Wausau is WN9PYR, the XYL of SBQ. Traffic: W9ESJ 409, CBE 216, IXA 115, IQW 91, ANM 44, FXA 30, DR 24, KZ 23, LSK 20, SFL 10, ZGL 8, RQM 7, IHW 6, CFP 5, RSR 5, OVO 2.

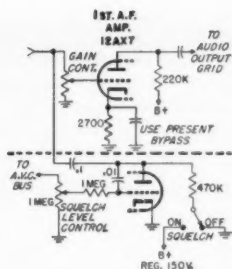
DAKOTA DIVISION

NORTH DAKOTA — SCM, Everett E. Hill, W9WQM — RRW was on the Voice of America Amateur Program, which was beamed all over the world. CGM reports 9 hams now in Mayville, with WN9FHB a new call there and 6 more Novices in training. PGO is on 3.8 Mc. with 100 watts. NRP is on 28-Mc. phone. NAY now is back in Dickinson. PGO reports New England Boy Scout Troop and Scoutmaster all working on Novice Class license program. Williston has formed a ham club. DM is Advanced Class and is on 3.8 Mc. from Grand Forks. KMT is portable from Jamestown with 500 watts on all bands. WN9DAC, in Fargo, has formed a ham club to put HSC on the air. The Red River Amateur Radio Club, Fargo, has a new clubroom and civil defense set-up in Fargo's Civil Defense Building. I wish to thank all for their congratulations and willingness to cooperate. I will be looking forward to a large number of applications for operating appointments. Traffic: W9LHB 16.

SOUTH DAKOTA — SCM, J. W. Sikorski, W9RRN — The Prairie Dog ARC, Vermillion, holds regular meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month. IZA has a new Viking. WUU has a YL addition to the family; CXM has a jr. operator; and SDE has a pair of YLs. The South Dakota 160-meter Net meets Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 8 p.m. CST on 1905 kc. and the c.w. net has shifted from 3720 to 3600 kc. New club officers of SFARC are JLI, pres.; RRN, vice-pres.; and JWE, secy. RRN is also a Novice. The ARC elected IWE, JLS, vice-pres.; CTI, secy.; FJZ, treas.; and QHK, act. mgr. After many years working 28-Mc. phone only, ZFE now is on 3.5, 7, and 28 Mc. CLS and DSK are Navy-bound. GWH is back in Sioux Falls after spending the summer as a customs official. UWO, HON, and DIY are completing 2-meter rigs — the first such rigs in BQH. BQH worked 6CHK/6 on 28 Mc. Traffic: WBCXN 138, UVL 72, PHR 67, OLB 66, RRN 7, ZRA 7, GCP 5.

MINNESOTA — SCM, Charles M. Bove, W9MXC — Asst. SCM, Jean Walter, 0KYE. SEC: BOL, RM: RPT. ITQ now is Net Control of the Tenth Regional Net. WEH soon will be back on the air on 28 Mc. ELA has returned from the Far East. HEO and SW arranged a small banquet in Willmar. The gang from the surrounding towns and Minneapolis attended. CRO was the principal speaker, demonstrating the practical use of the antennascopes. This meeting was a huge success. BHA is active on 3.8, 7, and 28 Mc. BGJ is doing a dandy job as editor of the Marshall Club paper, WN9FFU is a new ham and also a member of the St. Paul Radio Club. The Mobile Amateur Radio

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ONE phase of receiver operation that has been brought out by Civil Defense is the desirability of having provision for squelch on receivers used for stand-by purposes. With the receiver tuned to the spot-frequency of a C.D. net and running continuously for monitoring that frequency, the noise background of the receiver can be quite annoying. If a squelch circuit is added, this noise background can be reduced to a point where the no-signal background is not objectionable, but a signal opens

up the receiver to full output. The conventional circuit can be made to quiet the receiver completely but it is probably more desirable to leave a little background noise so that an operator can tell that the receiver is still functioning by merely listening carefully. This eliminates the possibility of the receiver going dead without the operator being aware of it.

A simple squelch circuit that serves the purpose is shown in the above sketch. This squelch has been used in a six-meter C.D. receiver which is to be described later in QST.

This circuit is an easy one to add to a receiver that has already been built and is in use, as it requires a minimum of change in the receiver. This circuit was tried out by adding it to a National NC-183. The first audio tube, a pentode, was removed and a 12AX7 double triode tube installed in its place. The use of a very high mu triode resulted in no noticeable loss of audio gain. The .01 capacitor is a ceramic disc mounted on the socket. The one megohm potentiometer could be a fixed resistor in locations that are not too noisy.

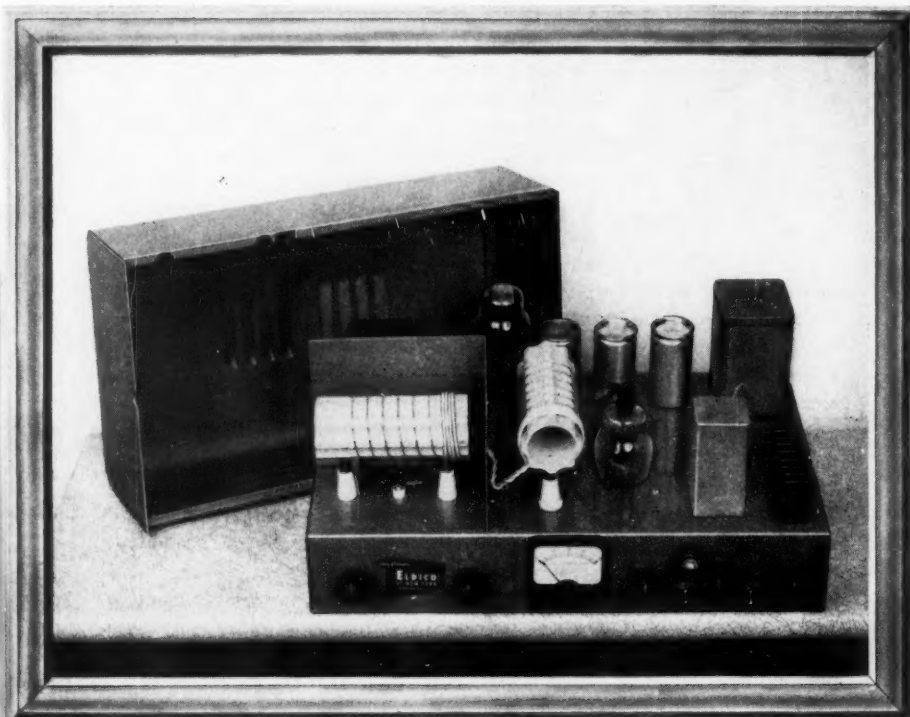
The .01 capacitor connects the grid and plate of the squelch tube together for audio frequencies making the tube virtually a diode. It can be looked at as a highly degenerative triode amplifier. This means that the plate resistance of this tube becomes very low — in the order of a cathode follower. The .1 mfd. capacitor places this low impedance of only a few hundred ohms across the .5 megohm gain control, shunting this control drastically. When sufficient AVC voltage is applied to the grid of the squelch tube, it is cut off and its impedance becomes extremely high, removing any shunting impedance from the gain control and opening the audio amplifier up to full gain.

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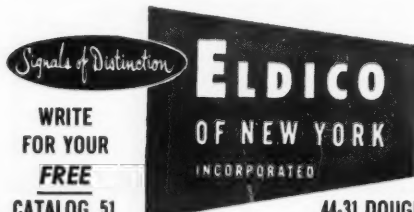
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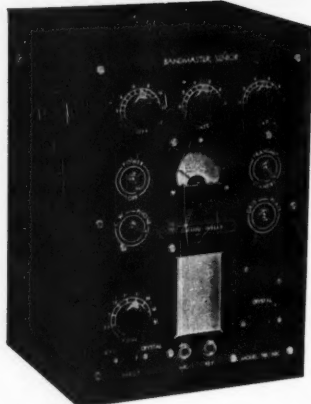
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Corps of Hennepin County has a ground plane antenna 280 feet high. IJN now is located in Redwood Falls. SER now has a 32V-1. DZS has a new Collins 30K. The Minneapolis Radio Club elected the following: FDS, pres.; JNC, vice-pres.; BSI, secy.; and NYO, treas. 0EA now is operating K6EA/0 at Bemidji. KYE, our Asst. SCM, is in the Vets Hospital after a serious operation. FJJ is a new ham at Duluth. KNN owns a new Viking. ZOB also has a new Viking. BZJ has a new Viking shifter. EVI now has an 813 in his final. RA was the first to show the Duluth gang the '52 call-letter plates. EBX is a new ham at Virginia operating on 160 meters. QYZ is a new grandpa. AA has been working plenty of DX with his all-band antenna. ENJ is the new mayor of Floodwood. JVV still is going strong on 7-Mc. c.w. GKP is now 2 through 160 meters. NRV is building a Clapp oscillator. PQX is back from the Navy and on 28-Mc. mobile. MJJ has a 450-foot-long wire antenna now. Lil Dedon returned from Canada with greetings from the VE boys. Operations on the 80-meter c.w. net has been lagging this winter. Would like to see more of you take time to check into this net. The c.w. net meets evenings at 7 on 3795 kc. Traffic: W6ITQ 256, HEO 120, UCV 63, K6EA/0 39, W6MXC 31, RXL 17, CWB 13, FIT 9, TKX 8, BUO 7, BBM 4, FTJ 4.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS—SCM, Dr. John L. Stockton, W5DRW—TLC, at Case, has new Johnson Viking transmitter with VFO. ANR is QRL with MARS training program on the c.w. net at present. DFX helped secure watermelon juice via amateur radio for a patient in Florida in critical condition. BAB has been working 28-Mc. mobile. PUN has a new 10-meter antenna. MRD, RWJ, and ANR renewed certificates as ECs. It is almost time to begin considering who you want for your next SCM. WN5TID now has his Technical Class license. STU has new VFO, and lacks Idaho for WAS. QIP has a BC-457 Command set, 60 watts. WN5TIC has an HT-6, 40 watts, and an H-129X. Traffic: W5RWJ 50, EA 42, DRW 37, QIP 34, STU 18, ANR 17, MRD 4, WN5TIC 4.

MISSISSIPPI—SCM, Norman B. Feehan, W5JHS—New calls reported in the State are TDP, TBI, TVI, and TUO. TUO has a pair of 35TGs running about 150 watts. TDP has a Viking. TBI has a Globe Champion. TVI has 32V-1. TVI keeps sked with his dad each morning on 75 and 80 meters. Ken works the high end of 80 meters and 4BOL, his dad, the low end of 75-meter 'phone. SMD has completely eliminated his TVI. 4MML/4 reports that GG and OOA are doing an FB job with their 75-meter mobile rigs. We regret to report the passing of NYF, who accidentally shot himself while hunting. The Hair Net, on 7159 kc., will take traffic for the points that are OKed by FCC, so why not drop in at 1 p.m. CST and give the fellows a shot at your traffic. RUT will have a new QTH somewhere in the Far East. Look for him on 14 Mc.; he will be looking for the Mississippi boys. Traffic: W5JHS 205, WZ 171, K5FBB 156, W5RIM 155, SSB/5 104, RUT 36.

TENNESSEE—SCM, D. G. Stewart, W4AFI—It is with deepest regret we note the passing of Doc Mitchell, W4EM, on Oct. 9th. He was an old-timer on the ham bands and held the highest respect of all who knew and worked him. AEE subdued his TVI from 500-watt unshielded transmitter by means of stubs. New appointee is NJE as EC for the Lewisburg Area. PMR acquired ist-class radiotelephone license. AGC is reporting nice monthly traffic totals; he picks traffic up on QIN, TLD, TCN, and regular skeds with 6CE. LUH is prodding around on 4 Mc. with brand-new kw. crusher. The Kingsport group recently completed a successful simulated emergency drill. PEN is back in the saddle again and can be heard on 4 Mc. regularly. ODR has traffic outlets to the armed forces at various points. Several of the Memphis group attended the radiologic survey class conducted by the Memphis Civil Defense Organization. BAQ and HHK are building auto-call units designed by 3NL for use on 29-Mc. Net. When completed they will operate from whistled pulses from the calling station, cutting on the speaker and ringing a bell. AFI is building a new 4/125A final. KMH prepared new TCN roster and it is available to net members on request. The Tennessee C.W. Net is in need of coverage for the larger towns. All who can possibly do so are urged to report into this Net and assist in keeping it rolling. Traffic: (Nov.) W4PL 1311, AGC 243, CXY 78, IIB 77, ODR 72, RMJ 29, AEE 22, RPT 16, BAQ 15, FEB 13, RHO 9, FLW 5, NDC 2. (Oct.) W4BA 58.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

KENTUCKY—SCM, I. W. Lyle, jr., W4KKG—JYR is giving 7 Mc. a try. NBY reports in with a nice traffic total. PRT reports in on KYB and KYN. MGT, our SEC, also is a real traffic man. KZF made a nice score on 'phone in the SS. NZY has a new 75-meter mobile rig. RQV, in a TV fringe area, is hard hit. JUI is building new OO equipment. RYL has new 75A-2 and says it's a home. TQC, Novice in Glasgow, passed his Class B exam. NEP

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MALLORY HAM BULLETIN

RECENTLY, we received a request from a fellow amateur for the solution of an interesting DC filter problem which involved cramming several Mfd's of filter capacity into a space already overcrowded with transformers, chokes and other components. His problem, and its subsequent solution, might prove helpful to other amateurs confronted with a similar dilemma. So we are passing along the story for what it might be worth.

Here was his problem: He had designed a 2-stage transmitter consisting of a harmonic oscillator and final amplifier, which required 2 complete DC power supplies, one delivering 700 volts for the plates . . . the other, 300 negative volts for bias and blocked-grid keying potential. His plans included making this rig completely self-contained with power supplies and RF stages mounted compactly on a single small chassis.

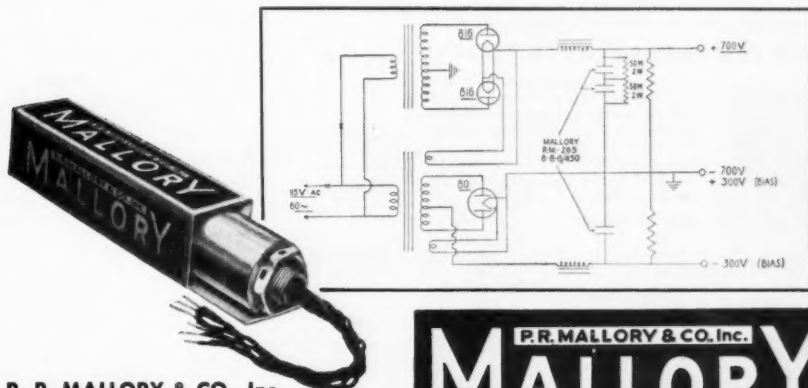
His problem arose when he discovered that it was impossible for him to arrange the other components of his transmitter to provide sufficient mounting area for the DC filter capacitance needed. The best he could do was an area roughly 2" square by approximately 5" in height in which to mount 4 Mfd's at 700 volts, and 8 Mfd's at 300 volts.

In pondering his problem, we thumbed through the latest Mallory Catalog looking for a capacitor which might fit his requirement. Frankly a solution didn't appear until we reached page 6. There we found the Mallory RM-265, a triple "c" separate section electrolytic. This capacitor looked as if it might have possibilities. Sure enough, it did the job!

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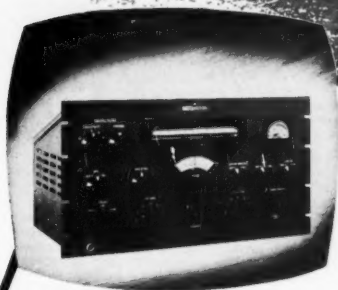
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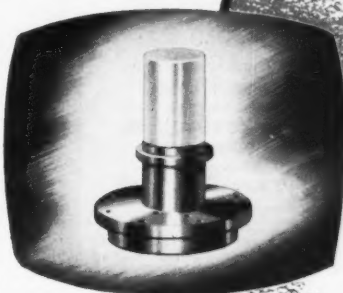


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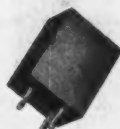
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been heard regarding the new QSL Manager, LJS. FJR, the teen-age whiz kid, claims that, what with the youngsters growing up, the teen-age net is dying, or rather, fading away. Only two bulletins were received this month. From the *Caracascope* of the CARA we learn that the club officials for '52 are WAB, pres.; WRL, vice-pres.; APF, secy.; and ABO, treas.; that a club Christmas Party was held Dec. 14th; and that AREC is "going to town" in Franklin County. The *Shack Gossip* of the Toledo group informs us that several of the gang have been bitten by the 160-meter mobile bug; that AZB is attending school in Georgia; and that GRJ now is on 2 meters. Relected CWA officials are BF, pres.; BXB, vice-pres.; and FSP, secy.-treas. CACARC announces that the winners of the recent 10-meter ground-wave contest were AJW, FCX, and WML among the locals, with MXO and FSM tying for first place and UEY finishing third among the out-of-county stations. Reports still are arriving rather late so let's try to get them to the SCM a bit earlier. Traffic: W8DAE 250, IB 226, ARO 197, YCP 61, WE 49, AL 23, DXO 23, EQN 22, QIE 20, PUN 14, BFH 12, AJW 10, RN 10, WAB 10, DMJ 9, LBH 5, PMJ 4, BUM 3, ET 1, FJX 1.

HUDSON DIVISION

E. W2CLL — SEC: ILL. This is my last report of section activities. The need for a good rest and the increased amount of traveling incidental to my regular occupation have made it necessary for me to give up all ham activity for at least this winter and all of next summer. I take this opportunity to congratulate the section on its past and present splendid performance. Much has been accomplished. ARRL membership is increasing, clubs are growing, c.w. and 'phone nets have increased, and AREC is at an all-time high. The cooperation I have always received from each member is indicative of the strength and activity of the section. That cooperation has been much more than anyone could have hoped for. I know it is needless for me to say that it was with the utmost regret that my resignation was submitted. I have always been proud to be a member of our section, and even prouder to have had the privilege of serving as your SEC for 2 years and SCM for over a year. I am taking my vacation with the comforting knowledge that the section will continue to grow and become even stronger. The interest of the individual, plus the talents of the leadership appointees, assures that I am retaining the appointment as your Assistant Director in order to keep in touch with things and to continue to serve in a small way. Thanks to each of you for the help you have given me. I'm looking forward to my reactivation during the fall of 1952. Endorsements: AWF, GYV, GTI, PIE, LXP, ISG, ITF, WBH, PSH, SNN, and AAO as ECs; TYC as RM; EFU and BRS as ORS. Traffic: W2BNC 34, PHO 203, TYC 88, EFU 76, HTH 39, GTC 33, BRS 1.

NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND — SCM, George V. Cooke, jr., W20BU — Asst. SCM, Harry Dannels, 2TUK. SEC: SYW. RM: TUK. PAM: YBT. The Brooklyn AREC nets show an average attendance of 95 per cent of all registered members participating in drills. Outstanding attendance and effort FJF, CLQ, BIV, PYX, YHS, ZLK, JGD, TBI, WDH, and WDT received their Section Net certificates. Closer cooperation with c.d. officials in Suffolk is noted with Brookhaven, Smithtown, Huntington, and Islip Township organizing and setting up stations at strategic points and increasing their AREC memberships. In Nassau County, the C.D. Plan has been compiled and presented to the County C.D. for approval. Impetus is shown by increased personnel and the location of alternate stations for control on a local basis in a number of localities. KVG has been appointed EC in Queens and OG Alternate EC. In the Queens 2-Meter Net those having perfect attendance for the month were as follows: AVI, DGF, KVG, OG, and QFH. DYN and GO operate PAC 2 at Flushing Hospital. KVG, OG, DVK, UNG, and DGF operate at Red Cross Rest Centers. WDP has been appointed Suffolk Alternate EC. EBZ and BNN now are operating on Liberty ships and sailing the high seas. The lure of the sea is calling BOC. GPK became the 100th member of the New York Radio Club at the same time AFG, ASA, CLD, IZN, KR, NAC, and 9SM joined up. In the 420-Mc. band PAA, KRM, and PTO, along with CEP, are active on schedules in and around the Copiague Area. KAC, Tech. Class licensee, received his OES appointment. The Smithtown CD Radio Club and the Purple Bees are two newly-affiliated clubs in the section. A card from SJC tells of his cruise to Portugal, France, Greece, and Italy, where he met LVL. The NYC-LI Phone Net, with YBT and PAM, operates on 3910 kc. Sundays at 1000 and now has 15 regular members and seeks stations in all parts of the section. Traffic, discussions of major topics, and net operation are the incentives for increased pleasure. YAU now is living in Philadelphia. UTB has moved to Seattle. JHF's little 2-meter rig is a neat package and would serve well in AREC planning. DIC, representing the town or organization of N.Y., reports many cases of TVI cleared and agreements made with manufacturers for full cooperation in future cases. The Tu-Boro Club is pushing the Auto
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License Plate Bill and requested the FLIRC to start the ball rolling. The Queens 2-Meter Old Timers Net is going strong and more members are welcome. The net meets on 145.62 Mc. Mondays at 2100 with KVG as the NCS. The NLI Traffic Net, on 3630 kc. Mondays through Fridays at 1930, with TUK the RM, is steadily increasing its activity with higher traffic totals and members and desires more coverage in the Riverhead Area. All stations interested in the Slow Speed Training Net (NLT), please write or send a message to TUK requesting operating time and frequency. DUF, Bronx EC, asks more AREC members for nets operating on 29.620 and 145.350 Mc. at 2100 in the Bronx. QOW has been appointed OPS. YSL and PAA are newly appointed OES. Traffic: (Nov.) W2VJ 231, EC 198, OBU 131, GP 80, JBG 65, OJX 65, VVP 56, MQB 46, OUT 45, TUK 45, PZE 39, BGO 22, LGK 12, BIV 10, PF 10, DZK 8, QOW 5, DLP 4, IVX 3, YBT 2. (Oct.) W2IGK 10.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY—SCM, Thomas J. Ryan, jr., W2NKD—A committee of amateurs from all over the State has been formed to handle the job of composing a new Bill to be presented to the New Jersey Legislature when next they convene, to request our call letters on license plates. The general chairman of the committee is John McGrath, NUI, 1011 Avenue C, Bayonne. If you have a personal contact which you feel would be beneficial to the cause, please contact NUI. For groups are working on NUI. MUP is Bill Revision chairman, assisted by WK, UOU, and CQD. Publicity is being handled by ZBY and W2NBYS. DME is concerned with contacts in Trenton, and IIN is gathering information from each of the other 14 states which already issue call-letter plates. MMG is the general secretary of the entire committee. You will be able to keep in touch with the progress of the Bill by listening to Official Broadcast Stations in N.J. and S.N.J. The following stations will transmit news, written by ZBY, on the following bands: 75-meter 'phone—LOP, CXW; 80-meter c.w.—WN2AZP, NKD; 11-meter c.w.—WN2AZP; 10-meter 'phone—UOU, KLA, CQD, and ABX; 2 meters—EUI. The first of the committee meetings was held in the Bayonne Red Cross Dec. 3rd. Of interest lately around the section has been the new forms distributed by the Office of Civil Defense. The importance of these forms cannot be over-emphasized. The most important reason for their existence is to have each of the thirteen Area Amateur Radio Chairmen know what facilities are available for communication. You see, the e.d. radio organization in the State is broken down in the following manner: The State is divided into four Districts—the Districts into thirteen Areas. An Area comprises one or more counties. Your city is part of the county group, so that it is important that the Area office know what the set-up is in each city, for coordination purposes in time of emergency. Here in N.N.J. we have a group of unsung heroes who have done a tremendous job in helping us to police ourselves in staying on frequency within the bands, or helping us correct faulty procedure. I refer to the Official Observers, OUS, NIY, and GVZ send cards to offenders on each of our bands. We could use more OOs. How about applying for an appointment? OXL moved to Westfield. NIY got his 25-w.p.m. Code Proficiency certificate. ZEP mentioned that JN, on 3700 kc. nightly at 7, is gathering a large list of names. New GSARA officers are K2BX, pres.; DME vice-pres.; LMB, secy.; YLS, treas.; and GUM, chief engineer. LMB asks for listeners on 3970 kc. at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Maybe you can help deliver some of the enormous amount of G. I. traffic on the Transcontinental Phone Net (TCPN). CVW passed Class A exam. Traffic: (Nov.) W2CCS 257, LMB 198, WCL 122, ANI 47, EAS 44, ZEP 58, OXL 25, OUS 9, CJX 8, AWY 6, NIY 4, CFB 2. (Oct.) W2LMB 155, EAS 74, JKH 5.

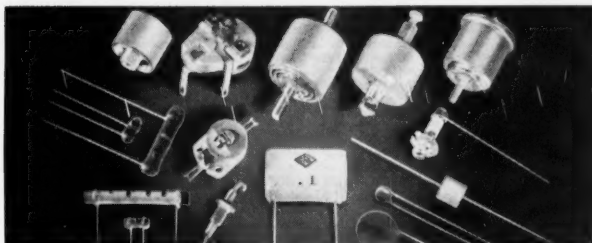
MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA—SCM, William G. Davis, W0PP—From the reports received this month it seems that the only activity in Iowa is by the TLN and Iowa 160-Meter 'Phone Net. The report on the 160-Meter Net was given by DIB. The Net meets on 1983 kc. at 6:30 p.m. seven days a week. The NCS is RWC, with BSG, BFX, BNS, and WRB as Asst. NCSs. They have contacts in Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Illinois. It is hoped that their reports will come in from this Net. The TLN is up to its usual efficient operation. QVA is making up a monthly traffic report for TLN, breaking it down to daily traffic, etc. AUL has new chronotrimmed operating table. BDR has new Viking CNK using a Meuser Signal Calibrator. SEF now is using a Gammatron 24. ZYX left ISC for Ohio. FTF and YBK are back on duty with TLN. CRP and YXE have opened a new TV store in Burlington. Part-time assistant is ENM, ex-9PIG. AEH is wintering in Phoenix. Don't forget the Agate, Ohio. NWX reports the activity of the Ames club on a simulated emergency Oct. 14th. The taking CNK were CFX, DUV, DEY, ZYX, and W2F. SEF, SEF, SEF, also assisted. NFL is going to stick with c.w. for a spell. A nice report was received from DDV. Thanks for the reports, fellows. Traffic: (Nov.) W8SCA 462, NWF 277, QVA 158, YTA 83, BDR 76, NYX 44, DFD 25, DDV 6. (Oct.) W0NWF 94.

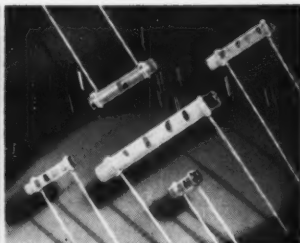
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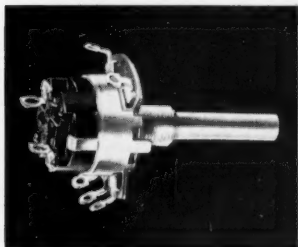
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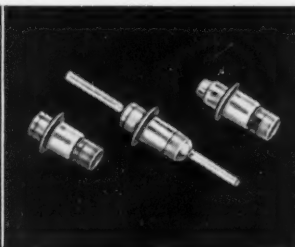
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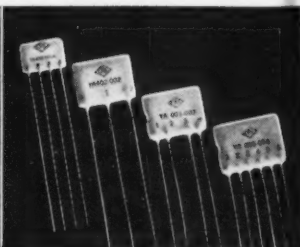
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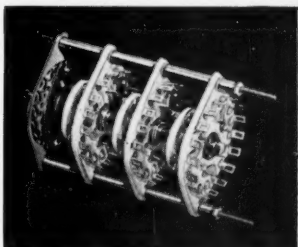
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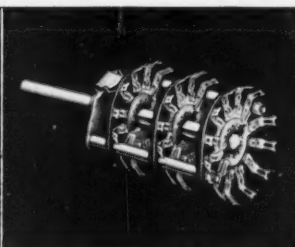
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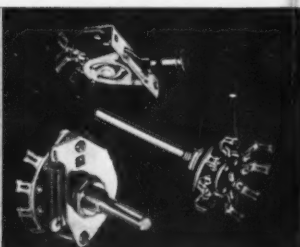
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KANSAS — SCM, Earl N. Johnston, W0ICV — Our RM, FDJ, sends a splendid report of QKS and QKS SS activities which shows 187 stations reported in with the 23 drills. NIY had a perfect attendance of 23, FDJ 22, MUY 18, YFE 16, FER 15, SGK 12, BLI 12, AHW 12, ZUA 8, and KSY 8. Eighty-four messages were handled. CKRC members of Salina furnished four mobiles for the Police Department on Halloween to help police the town. IYR moved to a new QTH in Salina and is temporarily using gutter on the house for antenna on 7 Mc. WN0FOG is the first Novice in Salina. MUY has new end-fed Zepp on 7 Mc., is building a new rig, and is redecorating the shack. PKD is building new 6-meter rig. WPL is new 75-meter station in Chanute with 807 clamp-tube modulation. WN0EOT just got his Class B license. DRB is getting back on the air with a pair of 814s. DNX, of Abilene, moved the shack to the second floor since the flood and is getting 75-meter mobile on the air. BEV, of Atchison, reports a new club there known as the Radio Amateurs of Atchison, with IWS, pres.; CWG, vice-pres.; and BEV secy-treas. Meetings are held at the Maur Hill School the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2 p.m. DRB, of Olathe, reports a new radio club there in the making. KYRC, of Topeka, had a chili supper for OMs, XYLS, and harmonics Nov. 6th. WIT moved to a brand-new QTH and is rebuilding kw. rig with 4-250s in the final with 304TTLs for modulators. HOC has new bandswitching rig running 400 watts to a pair of 4E2Ts entirely de-Tyied. Traffic: W0MUY 94, NIY 72, VBO 66, FDJ 50, BET 32, KSY 30, WGI 30, YFE 30, BLI 22, KXL 11, AHW 10, ICV 10, SGK 9, LIX 8.

MISSOURI — SCM, Clarence L. Arundale, W0GBJ — VRF, the Missouri SEC, Advisory Committee Organizational Meeting Oct. 30th at Jefferson City. Harry Duncan, of the Missouri State Patrol, was appointed communications coordinator for the State. HARC met at the Red Cross Building on Nov. 16th. At this meeting the following officers were elected for the new year: VRF, pres.; UHB, vice-pres.; TFG, treas.; and WHK, rec. secy. The SMARC furnished mobile stations to man the check-points for the Heart of the Ozarks Motorcycle Club's annual "Turkey Run." FNN/# operated at motorcycle headquarters. EBE was control station operating at home, with the following mobiles at the check-points: DRP, YHL, DTF, FUM, HUI, and BUB. The course was very rugged and only 4 of the 12 starting motorcycle riders finished the run. The Motorcycle Club was highly pleased with the fine job done in handling check-point reports to headquarters. EMP, a new ham in the Kansas City Area, is on the air with a Viking I. KIK worked in the SS Contest on low power and is trying to whip TVI. ARH worked CRBC to add a new country to his list. WAP has moved to Harrisonville and is back on the air with rebuilt rigs. CFL, GAR, and QXO have nice traffic reports this month. QXO's wife underwent an operation. BAF has a pair of 833As running a kw. on 75-meter phone. The XYLS of JUR and PUA are in the hospital. MON and Show-me Nets can use more stations in their respective nets. NDS now has a Collins receiver. Traffic: W0QXO 478, CFL 250, GAR 146, HUI 79, GBJ 56, BUL 40, FIR 32, EBE 22, CKQ 20, OUD 16, NNH 11, QMF 6, KIK 2, PTG 2.

NEBRASKA — SCM, Guy R. Bailey, W0KJP — Your SCM received a nice letter from ALV who is with the Marines in Korea. UVU is doing a swell job as the new NCS on the 75-meter net. Eighty-eight stations are now on the net roll, with a daily average of 30 reporting. Let's all pitch in and keep Roy happy. IVW, in Auburn, OKI, in Bartlett, and ASI, in Halsey, are new 75-meter net members. KON reports the c.w. net going nicely with the following members: AUH, FJD, FMW, FQB, IXL, JDI, KDW, LOD, LJO, and ZJF. Buzz is scouting for new members on the c.w. net. FQB has reduced power. He now has Lyco 600 with 35 watts and gets out FB with no TVI on any band. FQB, KON, JDI, and IXL are liaison stations from the c.w. net to TEN and CAN. JDI reports SSN is coming along but needs more members. This is a fine opportunity for Novices and also for you old "phone men to get that long-forgotten fist back. HTD still is making BPL every month with his overseas traffic. Lyle lives on the TV fringe area and still is trying to get it out of his rig, but must be doing a good job with all that traffic. WN0FGK is a new reporter from Gering. Thanks, Mike, keep them coming. A new Novice in Omaha, EGM, is getting on with an HT-17. EUT reports that EXP lost his antenna in the recent snow-storm. CBH is back on his feet and is using a kw. to keep 75 meters stirred up out in the west end. GTC is putting up 10- and 20-meter interlaced beam. Traffic: (Nov.) W0TQD 1860, KON 235, IAJ 150, JDI 118, FQB 72, KJP 41, IXL 19, EGQ 15, FGK 2. (Oct.) W0TQD 1519, FQB 27. (Sept.) W0TQD 2195.

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

CONNECTICUT — Acting SCM, Roger C. Amundsen, C0WHYF — SJO makes BPL both ways for the second month. AW and NJM made it for October. STU is a new OPS. TRF, LWV, OGG, FSF, SXC, TJX, ILQ, ODW, RPQ, and BUZ all received new EC certificates. W2VMX. (Continued on page 84)

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operator at WIAW, rates Class IV OO. EFW and KZG still are busy with CAP. MHT is mobile on 28 Mc. Old-timer CDR is back on as JU. The CARA Banquet held Nov. 9th was well attended with 21JO acoring with his humorous and enlightening talk. RMW, PHT, and CTI from Norwalk, ODW, and SEC LKF were among the visitors. JEQ was speaker at the AREC of Norwalk meeting Nov. 21st. RMS checks in to CPN. NUB again is active on 28 Mc. The new speaker for the Springfield is a swell job as editor of *YLRH Harmonics*. QDT has moved to Texas. OAX is cooking on mobile and new furnace. HUM is busy on TLAP. BDI says the CN Party was a hum-dinger. He, with NJM and LKF, attended the FCDA Staff College near Washington Dec. 3-8. TJX runs a garage and hams at the same time. DAV is back on and soon will be effective again. NZM has resigned as EC. Nice to see all the old-timers back. The new EC is a ham who has been cured his TVI and reports new v.a. activity in the Hamford area. It is not too early to plan to attend the New England Division Convention to be held in Springfield on June 14th. Here is one more reminder to check the date of your license expiration. While you do that, does your appointment certificate need endorsement, or do you have one? If not, drop me a line. The Danbury gang put on a c.d. demonstration on mobiles on Nov. 30th. Most of them are not yet mobile, spring is just around the corner and that is the time to get it right now. KYF says he is building a kw. LWW has been siding LKF in the eastern end of the State lining up EC appointments. He has more mobile stuff in his Olds than anyone I have seen. SIL and SLM, at Orange, are happy: the XYL just passed Advanced Class exam. Thanks for all the reports received and hope next time there are more. Traffic: WISJO 50, HY 343, LY 287, HYF 180, HWM 120, WIS 120, TJX 124, BDM 124, SRG 64, RWS 49, CTI 26, RFJ 21, GVK 19, VW 11, KV 8, RRE 8, (Oct.) W1HUM 58, KY 42.

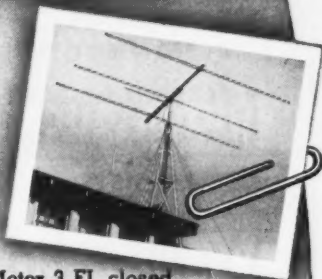
MAINE - SCM, Orestes R. Brackett, WPTL SEC: IGW, RM: LKP. Net frequencies and time: Pine Tree Net - 3596 kc. at 1900 Mon. through Fri. Sea Gull Net - 3960 kc. at 1730 Mon. through Fri. Civil Defense Net - every Sun. 1045 to 1100 on 3995 kc. TO as NCS, also every Tuesday at 1930 on 3961 kc., FRs-1 as NCS. THZ and Mable are in Clarendon, Fla., for the winter. We have reports that Mable has been notified that she has passed her conditions for Class 1. The station is now making a new sun putting out a fine signal on 28-Mc. ground wave in the evening. RUZ now has a 30-foot tower with beam which the boys on the Abusive Net put up for him recently. Among those present at the beam-and-tower-raising were ARV, ITH, TKV, FEE, and son Vincent who has just passed his Novice Class license, BAD, TFG, JOC, JTH, TGY, and BTL, EKV, formerly of Old Town and now at Freeport, ME. The station is now making a new sun putting out at Greenville and is putting out a very nice signal. An SGN certificate was issued to NIQ, SUK now is an ORS. A meeting of a proposed radio club for Aroostook County was held in Caribou. Those attending were SIL, TGH, HXQ, HUL, JSY, FDL, CNH, TMY, LYR, ALton Bridges, Clarence Benjamin, and Vernon Burgess. Traffic: W5LPC, 32, 31, 24, QZ 62, HFF 41, BT 41, 40, NCS 35, 31, 31, 31, 23, 23, EBF 14, SUN 11, HUL 13, KZZ 13, AWW 10, FXA 9, NHT 9, QEK 8, KDE 6, RSC 5, W5-QCF/12.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS—SCM, Frank L. Baker, jr., WIALP—New appointments: IF as EC for Peabody; MX as ORS, OPS, and OBS, Appointment endorsed: AS Ecs — MD, Hingham; MAN, Marblehead; AR, Belmont; KWD, Weymouth; DFS, Somerville; LPM, Natick; PKW, Reading; GJZ, Sherborn; QGJ, Woburn; BWH, Attleboro; LJT, Brockton; IPZ, Shirley; SH, Dedham; HYV, Dighton. As OPS: DHX, GOU, AAR, RP, and QGJ. As OHS: MFG and AAPE as OBS, WIAE as OBS, JTG as OBS, and JCK as OBS. 3.6. MJC, JCK, and JES. LJT, Helen Wright, of Brookline, passed the Novice Class exam. UGC, BDF, PH, and WNITWI are on 3.5 Me. AJL is on 3.9 Mc. UR, PZA, and KID are on 144 Mc. MCC is in West Africa. NLW is on 7 Mc. UDE is the XYL of KCP. UQK is a new call. GGH, in Stoneham, is on 144 Mc. WE 7 now is living in Reno, Nev. SUE is on 1.8, 28, and 144 Mc. KLC has a 522 on 28 Mc. with 829B. WNUIUE, New Bedford, gets into the Boston Area Club. The club members are: RYD, 100% CW, KC, GAM and BL are on 28 Mc. UMA is Jack Lyons in Quincy, MA. M.I.T. Radio Society, puts out a monthly bulletin, *Sparks and Arcs*. WNUIJK is Luther Davis, sr. in Newton. A new club, the Arlington Amateur Radio Club, has been formed. Charter members are OEX, pres.; CTW, vice-pres.; LLY, secy.-treas.; BAQ, trustee, and GEO, KNW, NBI, FWQ, and THO. Meetings are held the first Tues. of the month. This is on 50 MP, IRL, in Region 2. There will be a swap at the North Shore Club. The swap will be on auction. The Eastern Mass. Club had a talk and demonstration by the Telephone Co. on microwaves used on TV. Also a meeting was held at WBZ-TV with a talk by 2RYL. The Quapanowitt Radio Assn. had an auction with HXXN and MW as auctioneers. The South Shore Club had an auction with AKY doing his stuff. The T-9 Radio Club had a Christmas party at ISX's QTH. The Braintree Radio Club held its

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monthly meeting. BDF has been on for 2 months with s.s.a.c. and has worked 69 stations, 23 states and VE3. JEO's rig is crystal filter p.p. 807s with 90 watts. EMG made BPL with lots of traffic from Germany and Japan. MX has skeds with LUZDN, 8UJL, 8DIC, K3CN, and 3QZC. TIN is in Georgia. AAL is on 7 Mc. PKW reports that the Reading C.D. Net is on the 15th of the month at 10:30 P.M. on 28.6 Mc. QON is on 3.5, 3.9, and 28 Mc. 6YLR/1/MM, on 28 Mc., came into the Port of Boston and worked about 30 stations in no time flat. TYR is president of the Windy Net on 28 Mc. TAA has a new tower. RQZ, OMX, and SKS lost beams in a storm. KWD has the Weymouth Net on 28 and 144 Mc. at 7:30 P.M. HYG gets on 3.9 Mc. a little. RP has new QTH in Waltham. JOJ is on 28- and 14-Mc. c.w. New Novice calls in Haverhill are UHX, UFO, TUJ, UHH, and UIB. RYJ and DOX now are mobile. The Gypsy Radio Club held a simulated disaster with the Red Cross with OLN and REI mobile and TOY, STA, SNZ, QQD, IWB, QZS, CCF, MTS, and Ray Bergeron on fixed stations. BWH is on c.w., 3.5 and 3.9 Mc., and has portable self-powered rig and a receiver on 44.76 Mc. for State Police. MAN has the following working with him on c.d. work: NEW, NLU, OLC, OPI, JIX, OFY, PRX, RNM, ALG, and ALT. AWA, our PAM for 50 Mc., reports the following stations on: DJ, NWL, CK, LY, ATP, BPF, LSN, LJ, FCZ, CLS, FFL, and GJO. DID has 2 watts. EAE is on. MLS is on 820 watt. W. Wellesley Radio Society, newly-affiliated, has a monthly bulletin, *Dit's'n Daks*. TTY is editor. NWO worked FTYTB on 14 Mc. New Novices are Shaw Bridges, Bernie Stein, and Joe Schermerhorn. UG has a new steel tower with a beam for 14 and 28 Mc. PIW is on 28-Mc. c.w. WNITUG is going after Class B. The NRC on emergency gang is becoming interested in 50 Mc. EUR has 820 watt. Mc. SXD will have 522 for 829 output. HZR, Class A, has sked with VE3ACS on 3.5 Mc. BGW built a rig to use during TV hours. BHD renewed OBS and EC appointments. The Everett Amateur Radio Assn. station, TNI, is on 28 Mc. Fridays at 7 P.M., 29,560 kc. and 146.9 Mc., and conducts Novice classes. UMM is the c.w. of the Mugsnet twins. The South Shore Club had a civil defense night with G.E.'s c.d. picture and a talk by Mr. Comerford of Boston. MMH is mobile on 28 Mc. NHY, of Canaan, Conn., wants 7-Mc. sked. Traffic: (Nov.) WIEMG 564, SS 358, JCK 169, LM 142, MX 127, TY 105, NUP 65, THU 47, AAL 30, WU 21, DMS 20, PKW 12, AVY 7, NBS 6, DHX 4, CTR 3, QON 3, DWG 2, ALP 1, MD 1. (Oct.) WJES 34, QON 2.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS — SCM, Victor W. Paounoff, W1EOB — SEC: JYH. PAM: RDR. RM: BVR. WMN meets Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 7 and 10 P.M. on 3725 kc. The slow-speed net meets at 7:45 on 3725 kc. It's nice to hear from and about the new hams in our section. A hearty welcome to TZA and WNs TVJ, UBD, and UEO. Per GZ, Region 9 ARC now boasts 40 members and is seeking ARRL affiliation. COI would like to have his rhombic rotatable so that he could work Europe. BDV is helping to share the load on WMN NCS and 1st RN Rep. WNIUBD is congratulated on regular WMN attendance by BVR. How about some more of you new fellows trying the net? Your SCM met GVJ on a recent train trip to Washington. We had both been sold the same seat on the Fullman. RHU is busy preparing Geiger Counter for 1951 Science Talent Search. Good luck to you, Russ. JYH and RDR visited Worcester County RC. MUN has 20-meter beam back up. SDU and RO now hold Class A tickets. NZD, SHB, RO, IHI, and SDU attended Auction Nite at the Framingham Club. NZD brought back more than he took. Thanks to the unknown contributor for information about the "Grapevine Net." Region 2 CD boys are sending their traffic totals via radiogram through the net channels. It is suggested that NCS of the other regions collect the traffic totals from the gang in their nets and forward them to me. Traffic handled in c.d. and other training nets all count and certainly is evidence of our operation in the "Public Interest." Traffic: (Nov.) W1YVR 68, GZ 29, QN 25, RHU 25, RDR 23, BDV 21, SWJ 11, GVJ 10, MOK 9, PKI 8, RRR 7, WNIUBD 7, W1CJX 4. (Oct.) W1RHU 47.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — SCM, Norman A. Chapman, W1JNC — RM: CRW. The N. H. Net meets on 3685 kc., at 1900, Monday through Friday. New Novice tickets reported: UGP, UGS, UGT, UHT, UJL, and UNV. New General Class: UEC. The following appointments have been endorsed: Official Relay Stations: ANS, CVK, and IJB. Official Phone Station: GMH. Emergency Coordinator: SAL. QHS has been appointed an Official Observer, Class I. PBE now is employed at WKXL. PVF reports QSLs still pouring in from FP8AH contacts. You can find the following hams on the University of N. H. campus: SHJ, TMB, PVF, RUX, and WNs UBH, UFU, UGR, UGU, and UHJ. Will see you at the N. H. QSO Party. Traffic: W1JNC 48, POK 38, QJX 26, PVF 2.

RHODE ISLAND — SCM, Roy B. Fuller, W1CJH — SEC: MIJ. RM: BTU. PAM: BFB. RIN meets Mon. through Fri. at 1900 on 3540 kc. The Southern R. I. Emergency Net meets Sunday at 1000 on 3960 kc. Pawtucket was active during the Nov. 4th c.d. test. ACP, BGA, CPV, OJE, REK, and PWS all participated. At Newport County Radio Club, Gilleran discussed long-range v.h.f. communi-

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cations as demonstration by the Bureau of Standards. The Club has four mobile units operating on 3960 kc. TRX, TJR, OIK, and 4RUX/1. An actual emergency occurred during the Nov. 4th test, a plane crash with TJR standing by the scene with emergency communications until relieved by Naval personnel. Good Rhode Island participation was observed in the annual SS. Heard or worked were BFB, TRX, KHZ, LFE, BGA, BIL, KNE, TAT, TFX, TNX, and TNH. The NAARO held annual elections in November. New officers are KNE, pres.; NCX, vice-pres.; UEF, secy.; LWA, treas. TRX is building a new 813 final. JFF is on 144 Mc. and instructing a class of prospective hams. The newest Rhode Island ham reported up to this time is UEF. Would like to hear from new hams and report them here. Traffic: WHLY 64, BBN 53, TNX 15, CPV 12, OIK 11, TRX 4.

VERMONT — SCM, Raymond N. Flood, WIFPS — AVP reports 13 hams active in Rutland, including Novices WNIUCC, Vern Richards; WNIUET, Martha Goodyear; WNIUHK, Jack Waite; and WNIUJO, Mary Van Wyck, of Middlebury. Vermont's YL hams are increasing. And, OAK, our busy RM, finds time to build a new rig. BJP has Lyseo exciter and Workshop beam on 28 Mc. IT also is on 28 Mc. RLS and RWX are sporting new 75A-2s. PTB reports the passing on the West Coast of Harold White, ex-ICLL, formerly of Brandon. If any of you did not receive a copy of the SCM bulletin *Green Mountain Star*, it's because your call and QTH are not in my files, so please keep me posted. Please fill out and return those c.d. forms that KJG sent you if at all possible. Traffic: WRNA 183, AVP 81, FPS 75, IT 40, TXN 25, BJP 17, SPK 12, TAN 11, ELJ 6.

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

ALASKA — Acting SCM, Jack M. Walden, KL7BK — AL7MZ has resigned from ARH and moved to Portland, Ore., to go into business for himself. His active work as SCM will be greatly missed. MZ, the XYL, passed General Class exam just before leaving, so Nick will have trouble getting the rig at the new QTH. YG passed Advanced Class exam with flying colors. The Anchorage Club elected EC, pres.; PJ, vice-pres.; and BK, secy.-treas. for the coming year. Anchorage XYLS are having gab-fest night of AARC meeting, so meeting attendance is increasing. ADA has been rotated to Texas. Many new faces and calls are evident in Anchorage as many WOs moved in with military units. Traffic: KL7PJ 46, YG 46, EH 28, AGU 26, AN 25.

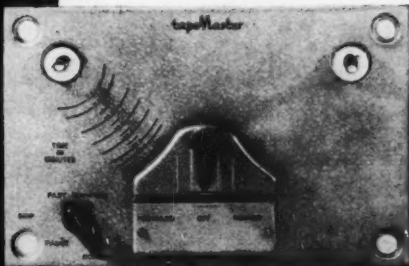
IDAHO — SCM, Alan K. Ross, W7IWU — Hayden Lake: EC FIS has been contacting QC, MER, and PCU to enlist their aid in helping the Weather Bureau river district offices communicate with Spokane in times of emergency during the spring run-off period April to June. Moscow: EC ELH is very busy with school, but managed to assist the local police on Halloween with three mobiles, NDT, GGH, and OLA, to keep the pranks to a minimum. Nampa: NBD has applied for ORS and OO appointments. He says he has a lot of time to monitor the bands. Meridian: MKS is new OPS and also has applied for OO. Boise: Visiting firemen at my shack were mobiles ACD, Shelley, and CUG. Stibnite, LQU, from Blackfoot, applied for ORS appointment in person and now is on the Gem and FARM Nets. CUG is moving from Stibnite and heading for California. Traffic: W7FIS 31.

MONTANA — SCM, Edward G. Brown, W7KJ — BKB, of Anaconda, has returned to the air after about five years. George runs about 35 watts on 75-meter 'phone. JC, of South Bend, Wash., visited old friends in Billings on a return trip from the East. JRG is moving to Billings from Sheridan, Wyo. Ken will work at the local h.e. station. PAF has moved from Havre to Shelby. PYZ is a new call in Kevin. ISU is expected home from Korea any day. HJM is getting new 813 rig ready for net operations. The 160-meter net now is operating in North Montana. KUH is rebuilding. LBK is having antenna troubles but is almost ready to go. CT is putting the finishing touches on his new bridge. Skip conditions still are causing trouble for the net boys on both c.w. and 'phone. HJZ has applied for her license renewal. JGG is rigging 80-, 40-, and 40-meter antennas and also has his 522 ready to go. New c.w. operators active in Great Falls are PYN and QAK. HQT is rebuilding 807 rig. Traffic is being handled between Sun River, Geraldine, and Great Falls on 50 and 144 Mc. MBV is editing a little paper, *Montana VHF*. Contact him for your copy. Traffic: W7KJ 102, CVQ 40, CT 25, BXU 19, CPY 6, W8NPTW 1. OREGON — SCM, J. E. Boden, W7MIQ — PKN is interested in AREC program for Lakeview Area. AIZ has resigned as RACES Net Manager because of the pressure of business. RACES now meets at 6:30 p.m. PST each Monday for the 3993-ke. 'phone channel, and at 7 p.m. PST for the 3507-ke. c.w. channel. LVN reports that the official date for the OARA Convention at Eugene will be April 25, 26, 27, 1952. RWU has been transferred from Condon to Europe. DHX is new EC for Clackamas County. JLU is new OO, Class III and IV. JLU also is new ORS. ESJ reports that Oregon check-ins to RN7 are needed to take Oregon traffic, especially traffic for Portland. IEJ still is consistently trying to find check-ins for the RACES C.W. Net on 3507

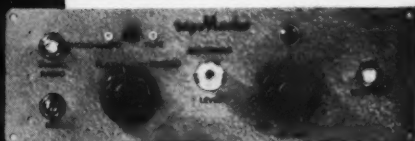
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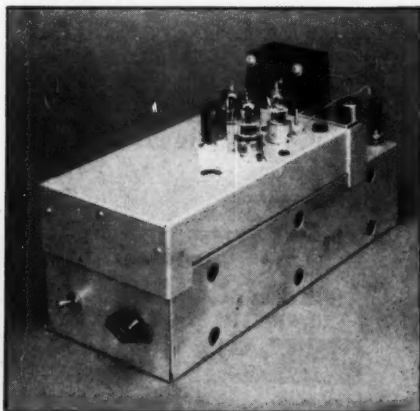
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ke. at 7 P.M. Mondays, but it seems that the Oregon c.w. boys are few and far between. Club officers for Baker are as follows: FFR, pres.; PWV, vice-pres.; and NQD, secy. New PARC officers are NGW, pres.; PAO, vice-pres.; DCJ, secy.; and HTS, act. mgr. JHF dropped his two final tubes (810s) and found that they would not bounce. GEJ and his XYL now are residents of Astoria, having moved from Newport. KL reports that all members of the Eugene Club are taking courses in First Aid, under c.d. PES is active on both 3.5- and 7-Mc. c.w. KL also reports that any information relative to the big Oregon OARA Convention at Eugene in April should be received from Leonard Kearney, 400 Howard Ave., Eugene, Club secretary. Traffic: W7II 282, APF 244, HDN 197, MQ 86, KPE 70, ADX 67, TH 67, AXJ 44, BUS 22, BDN 19, DHX 17, KTG 10.

WASHINGTON — SCM, Laurence M. Sebring, W7CZY — SEC: BTV, RM: FIX, PAM: NRB. The Capitol City Radio Club has installed the following officers for 1952: Don Ashley, pres.; Reuben Johnson, vice-pres.; Walter Draham, secy. LAG has a new 75A-2 receiver and is operating on 28-Mc. phone with a Lyco rig. DRW, now in Virginia. The Spokane Radio Amateurs have over 50 mobile units on 29,600 kc. They drill each Tuesday. LEV passed Class A exam. BG is installing remote control from his living room for use during the winter. A trophy has been put up, to be won by the high man in a quiz contest among WARTS members. To become a permanent possession the trophy must be won three times. LFA is rebuilding a transmitter and is on c.w. only for the time being. JWE is mobile on 3.5 and 28 Mc. JFO and JKB check into WARTS. HCJ has a new harmonic. WAY is in San Francisco as chief operator at A6USA. KIX, GR, and CTS operate mobile on 3970 kc. The "wabbit" for the 29-Mc. loop gang is BA, hunted by CO, OYO, CBE, PGY, HRC, and KZF. JPC has new QTH on top of a hill in Kirkland. NWP is teaching his Boy Scout troop the code. AIB has new operating room in the basement. EQN put up new antenna for better reception — result, more QRM! KTL has a new 10-20-meter converter. ZU worked KG6DI in the SS. NJ, Seattle EC, reports five emergency nets in Seattle. BTV had his car wrecked going to see KX. IGM has a new Super-Pro. VEON visited RT for a few days. IHJ and IHK are vacationing in the South Pacific. DND has twelve-element vertical on 28 Mc. Traffic: (Nov.) W7CZY 678, IOQ 595, BA 351, NRB 210, TH 179, FRU 135, FIX 133, ETK 132, KIX 111, LVB 96, NWP 66, EVI 60, JPC 49, KCU 49, OEB 37, AIB 12, AVM 11, EVW 8, ZU 8, AP8 7, LEV 7, PTC 5, KTL 3, BG 2, GAT 2, CWN 1. (Oct.) W7FIX 121.

PACIFIC DIVISION

HAWAII — SCM, John R. Sanders, KH6RU — HARC elected the following officers for 1952: EZ, pres.; RU, vice-pres.; GN, secy.; AN, treas.; AHI, WU, and AS, directors. The Honolulu Mobile Club held a fine beach picnic at Nanakuli. The 10-meter QRM was terrific! The Club has amended its Mobile-WAS Contest Rules to include 11 meters, but no contacts can be initiated from home rigs. The Inter-Island Net has moved operation to one hour earlier (2000 HST) than reported last month. NRBBS, TS, therefore has moved his skeds to 1945 HST at 3950 kc, just preceding the net time. OA has transferred to KL7-Land and soon will be heard as BN from Anchorage. ADY took a trip to Guam. Another of our YLs, AFC, has gained Class A. Far Pacific Area: KG6FAA completed 186 'phone patches for the month. KB6AO has returned to Canton Is. after a prolonged visit to Honolulu. Far Pacific stations are urged to file activities reports by radio to the SCM. The mails are far too slow. Traffic: (Nov.) KG6FAA 3273, KH6ADY 19. (Oct.) KG6AAY 559.

NEVADA — SCM, Carroll Short, jr., W7BVZ — Nevada State frequencies are 3660, 7225, and 29,360 kc. CX is on 160-meter 'phone trying to make his ART-13 sound like a 32V-2. He says it is some job! The Reno Club has many teenagers trying for Novice Class licenses. JU took part in the SS trying for 80-meter WAS; he has 3 states to go. KEV and BKS participated in the c.w. SS and JUO in the 'phone SS. PFG, ex-KA1, W9, W8, KG6, and KH6, is on 3.5 and 28 Mc. from Hawthorne. KJQ moved next door to BVZ. That makes JUO, HJ, PGD, SXD, BHJ, JU, LGS, JLN, and KJQ all within 490 yards of your SCM. QRM — oh, brother! NWU is on 7 Mc. exclusively since his 10-meter converter went haywire. PST is back on 3.5-Mc. c.w. ODW moved to Montana. Traffic: W7JU 21, SANTA CLARA VALLEY — SCM, Roy I. Cousin, W6LZL — Your SCM wishes to take this opportunity to wish all in the section the best of everything for the New Year. SCCARA elected the following officers: W6O, pres.; UTC, vice-pres.; QBO, secy.; FON, treas. New board members are NX and NKP. Members carried over are CFK, HC, and BPT. North Peninsula Electronics Club officers for the coming year are GXF, pres.; NVO, vice-pres.; MMG, secy.; LZL, treas.; FYK, act. mgr.; QIE, liaison officer. New calls include LKY and W6OLX. New harmonics are announced at the home of MVL and UXV. MMG shortened flat-top on all-band antenna and is getting better signal reports. LAD has a new receiver and can be heard on 7025 and 7075 kc. YHC has new three-element

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EAST BAY — SCM, Ray H. Cornell, W6JZ — Asst. SCM, Guy Black, 6RLB. SEC: RVC. RM: IPW. A small measure of progress has been made in AREC organization. At the time this article is written, we have established one emergency net in the Concord-Walnut Creek Area operating on 28 Mc. under the guidance of TCU. EC for that Area, AKB and WGM have been appointed EC's for the Oakland and Vallejo Areas, respectively, and we can soon expect to see activity there. IPW has organized our section c.w. net in fine shape. We hope all you traffic-minded hams anywhere in the Bay Area will check into EBSN at 7 p.m. Mon. through Fri. on 3635 kc. where you will find HOR, IPW, and JZ alternating as NC's. When coverage warrants the net will be expanded into a Bay Area (tri-section) net "BAN." We hope eventually to come up with something as good as SCN and SSN in the southern part of the State. A PAM is needed to finish organization of the major activities in the section. OT put on a disaster drill Nov. 26th during the SS Contest. Mobile stations operating on 10- and 75-meter 'phone as well as on 40-meter c.w. at some distance checked in with little difficulty. Those participating were AWU, VDR, GDM, KZN, AKB, YDP, HOR, EXY, and W7BLN. WHA is the new president of NBARA. HOR is recent ORS appointee. CGG lost his beam in a recent wind-storm. PYH is active again chasing DX. IKQ got married. TI is chasing newly-developed key clicks. CTL is developing new oscillator for VFO. EJA is rag-chewing with WN boys and having much fun. NGC submits a big OO report. RLB says the SS Contest was a rat race. FSY is getting out better with new antenna. ZA is developing tape-recording systems. AQN is installing Morrow converter. ZUL has three-element beam on 14-Mc. c.w. and a ground plane antenna on 7 Mc. At the November meeting of ORC, 15 members took the c.d. oath of office. Oakland C.D. Radio Center at Woodminster is very impressive. RCA Service Co. of Oakland will install special high-pass filters in RCA receivers if contacted by amateurs. Ask for Fred Carpenter. HQT has modulator trouble. There is no end of praise for the TVI booklet furnished by IDBM. LRT is using 35 watts on 7 Mc. AOL is back on 10-meter 'phone, also the aim of PKK and CTF. WN6NDU has worked a KH6 with legal novice power. JDO can be heard on 10- and 75-meter 'phone. VLF is home on leave from Korea. Traffic: W6IPW 110, JZ 59, HOR 24, NGC 14, YDI 10.

SAN FRANCISCO — SCM, R. F. Czekowicz, W6ATO — Phone JU 7-5551. SEC: N. Phone DL 5-9457. Santa Rosa Area: EC: IEN. Asst. EC's: DRX, WOR, and HQN. The 2-Meter C.D. Net has drills and general ragchews on 145.35 Mc. Wednesday nights. A new control center now is complete at the Santa Rosa Junior College with an antenna 70 feet high. DTV is custodian for the unit. Mobile units participated in the annual Armistice Day Parade at Cloverdale, assisting the highway department in directing the parade units and highway traffic. At the November meeting were John Reinartz, K6BJ, and Frank Jones, W6AJF. John gave a talk on modulation and TVI reduction, assisted by Frank, CIS, Pacific Division Director, and ATO. San Francisco SCM, also attended. The new rig of HQN is garnering DX. LQ's 50-foot vertical withstood an 8-m.p.h. wind. LMR is a new member of the SCR. AUV now communicates between Sebastopol and San Bruno, operating his new 500-watt 2-meter rig week ends. 28-Mc. enthusiasts WDM, DRX, LOU, DZM, LCZ, and EBI report the band conditions have been encouraging lately. ZKM has joined the merchant marine, while IEN is filling the secretarial post for the balance of the term. Tara Sonoma County Radio Amateurs meet the first Wednesday in the Tap Room of the Grace Bros. Brewery on Second St., west of the Freeway, Santa Rosa. Eureka Area: EC: SLX. Congratulations to the new officers of the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club: BJO, pres.; FCR, vice-pres.; BME, secy.; EQQ, treas.; ZZZ, act. mgr.; and CNG, asst. act. mgr. Incidentally, CNG is the first W6G in this area to exchange his Novice Class license for a General Class license. Many thanks to the HARC members for their fine hospitality to ATO, the SCM, on the occasion of his visit at the November meeting. The Humboldt Amateur Radio Club meets the second and fourth Fridays in the YMCA rooms, rear of Mun. Auditorium, entrance on "E" St., Eureka. Marin Area: EC: KNZ. Tamalpais Radio Club EC: ZUB. In order to give this Area its fair proportion of space, it is earnestly

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requested that the secretary or other appointed member of both the Marin and the Tamalpais Clubs please send the SCM items of club and individual doings each month. The Marin Radio Amateurs Club meets the second Friday in the Engineering Lecture Room, Marin College, Kentfield. The Tamalpais Radio Club meets in the new quarters of OZC on Vistazo near Centro East in Tiburon, P.O. Box 247. **San Francisco Area:** EC: BYS, Asst. EC: JWF. The S.F. Emergency Corps meets every Monday at 8 p.m. on 147.15 Mc. Congratulations to the new officers of the SFRB: CTH, pres.; BYS, vice-pres.; Harry Witke, treas.; URA, secy.; and GGC, GHL, AHH, DZN, and WXV, directors. The Central California Council of Radio Clubs has set a July date in 1952 for the proposed Pacific Division Convention, and committees have been appointed. KAH lost his 10-meter beam in the Big Wind of Dec. 1st but has replaced it with a Workshop. GGC, from the San Francisco section, has been elected vice-president of the Central California Council of Radio Clubs. The San Francisco Radio Club meets the fourth Friday at 1641 Taraval St., and the High Frequency Amateur Mobile Society meets the second Friday at the Red Cross Building, 1625 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. Traffic: W6JCG 22, KAH 7, ATO 5.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY—Acting SCM, Willie van de Kamp, W6CKV—Northern Area Asst. SCM, Edward M. Cripps, 6YNM. CFU and LIG are husband and wife. ASM is ex-EZZ. DDC has new modulator. HVB is heard on 160 meters. IIQ is chasing DX. IOI is going high power. FKL is holding down the fort for Mt. Shasta. AAR is inactive. **Central Area:** Asst. SCM, Willie van de Kamp, 6CKV, BJT, of Paradise, is the first Novice in this Area. IZC deserted radio for the jalopy. BIW is a new ham in Chico. OXG is talking 160-meter mobile. DPC is active again. GUV has good luck with the Carter system of modulation. AF is chasing DX on 14 Mc. CKV received a letter from SCM 6ZF-3ZF, who passes on his 73 and Season's Greetings to the SVS gang. **Southern Area:** Asst. SCM, Richard M. Hall, 6ZVY. JEQ finally received Advanced Class license and has 50-watt mobile on 2, 10, and 160 meters. MCR soon will be on 3.5 Mc. through the efforts of PIV. KFO writes while waiting for Advanced Class license. The SV traffic net, on 28.8 Mc., handles daily weather condition reports to the Weather Bureau. BVK has 160-through 2-meter gear in pickup truck for c.d. AP's son was wounded in Korea. KPV moved from Grass Valley to Sacramento. WSI moved from Applegate to Sacramento. BYB has returned to Sacramento. KME has a new antenna farm. Traffic: W6JDN 40, PIV 39, KRX 29, ZYV 26, JEQ 16, KFO 8, ILY 2.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY—SCM, E. Howard Hale, W6FYM—SEC: FYM. RM: JQB. ECs: BCL, CQI, EHN, FIP, GCS, GIKX, HZE, JPU, and VRF. OBS: EXH, GIW, JQB, LRQ, and QUE. OBS: EXH, GRA, GS, GWQ, and OHT. OES: FYM, RJE, and UWY. OOs: FKL, HZE, and JQB. JA2OM/W5MIJ visited your SCM during November prior to returning to Japan. The recent gales in Northern California leveled several antennas, both TV and ham, among them those of EXH, AXI, WPV, and EQO. K6FAJ, at Edwards Air Force Base, now is operating 16 hours daily with traffic connections into number of California nets. The Fresno Club made good financial gains during 1951, according to the report in their club bulletin, *Skip*. FKL has a swell new ham shack. JPU, Fresno County EC, sent a nice report of AREC activity there. A recent emergency test was held with one station set up on City Hall steps. BYH reports that the Delano Club was active in the SS Contest under the call EFV and garnered in excess of 85,000 points. JQB, section RM, reports by air that activity in SJVN has picked up considerably during the past two months. W6GDI is a new call at Delhi near Turlock. Let's hear from the rest of your Novices in the section. Look on page 6 of QST for my QTH. Season's Greetings, gang, and keep up the good work during the coming year. Your FB reports are deeply appreciated by me. Traffic: (Nov.) W6EXH 135, JQB 66, GIW 38, AJE 20, QUE 20, BYH 13, HZE 8, GQZ 5, FYM 4. (Oct.) K6FAJ 178, W6JQB 144.

ROANOKE DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA—SCM, J. C. Geaslen, W4DLX—SEC: ZG. PAMs: DLX and ONM. RM: AKC. Your SCM has been busy building a new basement this month so don't ride me if the news is short. HL Laying cement blocks doesn't leave much energy for hamming. The Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society of Charlotte has purchased a new Viking rig and is on every week end to work the 75-meter mobiles. The call is BFB. OQQ has returned from a trip to Florida and really worked some DX with his mobile. A nice report was received from our RM, AKC. The N.C. c.w. net is going fine under his able direction. How about some of you fellows getting down there on 3605 kc. and helping out? BDU has a new rig on 3.5 Mc. now and he says he is back in the old groove again. MVP has his 10-meter beam in the top of a 60-foot tree now and has the Wilmington gang drooling. MDA says he has a Novice about ready and sure enjoys the thrill

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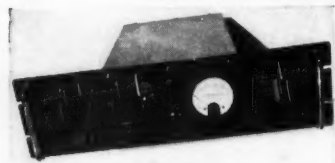
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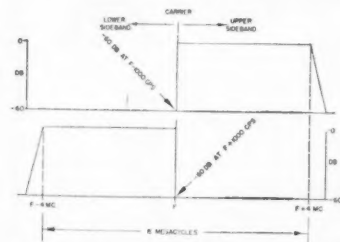


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of putting another one on. Shucks, the Novices are coming so thick and fast your SCM has quit trying to keep up with them all. Hi, WN4TYR has a new antenna up and is doing fine in Charlotte. I hope we raise a good crop of c.w. men out of them. CCO and 8AUB recently moved to Charlotte. Welcome, boys. The number of traffic reports was very surprising this month. Congrats, boys. Traffic: W4AKC 82, IMH 63, JPY 62, RHJ 39, REZ 30, BDU 28, OTE 17, EFV 9, ILJ 8, BBZ 4, DLX 4, LWU 4.

SOUTH CAROLINA—SCM, T. Hunter Wood, W4ANK—WN4UEP is a new ham in Hartsville who operates from the U. of S. C. and wants South Carolina contacts. DCE is Class 1 OO and ORS. The following SS Contest scores are reported: OGG 50,000, DCE 47,040. HCZ has new 750-wattier on 80-meter c.w. Ex-4YQS now is 4YQS and operates 75-meter mobile 'phone. CRV is in the service and stationed at Donaldson AFB, S. C. FFH, YQS, GWH, and ANK met for breakfast Dec. 2nd to plan a breakfast meeting monthly in the Charleston Area. Those interested, contact YQS. The SCM desires applications for ORS and OPS appointments, especially from net members. WNs, please register your address and call with the SCM. Traffic: W4ANK 251, FFH 32, FM 11, DCE 2.

VIRGINIA—SCM, H. Edgar Lindauer, W4FF—SEC: NAD, MWH, IA, NAD, PXA, and SDK are the hard-plugging RMs. QDX, a former RM, has been snatched by Uncle Sam for other duties in a West Coast QTH. Other recent casualties by the same route were LNL, NLU, LAP, CVO, KYD, PAS, NRC, and KVM. The SS Contest enjoyed heavy participation from this section, with KFC leading the flock of W4s. WN4TFX, the offspring of IA, passed the General Class test and is holding his breath until that coveted ticket arrives. Congrats, Phil, see you on the nets. KX is operating on borrowed equipment from EBT while assembling new rig. He returns after a 14-year lapse as 3KU. SDK is using a 44F-Pent for VN-NCS work on Thurs., while QRX for that 400 Globe King rig. TFX worked 19 states with single 6L6 18-wattier and bears the distinction of being the first Novice to submit an activity report to the SCM. NV also has a QTH in Wilmington using 8B call sign. STM is an additional outlet to ESN. Many favorable comments are reaching us on the newly interesting *Virginia Section Bulletin*, very ably compiled and edited by KFC from good copy sent in by the gang. Keep it coming; he knows how to put it together. Thanks to IBUD for his pat on the back for VFN found in the last issue. LNL's overseas QTH is Wheeler Air Field, Tripoli, at CN8FG on 3.5 and 14 Mc. Bill Stull, ex-LAP, can be heard as DL4JN and may surprise a QNT one of these days. TLR is the call of the new Red Cross station at Richmond. New appointments: As RM, SDK. As OBS, OGG. As OPS, OGG, NV, and QDX. As ORS, NAD, KSW, RYS, KX, and SDK. As Class 1 OO, SZY (ex-9ERU). 0PNQ and 6AVM visited KFC who, incidentally, worked his 80th country on 3.5 Mc. Traffic: W4SDK 489, PWX 201, MWH 129, EV 105, EF 58, NAD 54, QDX 53, KFC 47, NBA 38, PXA 38, NV 36, IA 32, KSW 20, IYI 11, LK 8, KX 7, WN4TFX 2.

WEST VIRGINIA—SCM, Donald B. Morris, W8JM—YPR maintains link between c.w. and 'phone nets Mercer Vocational Club station, GDK, will cover the Bluefield Coal Show. AUJ continues his fine traffic work. Congrats to Al Heck, 3GEG, formerly 3GEG, new Atlantic Division Director. GCZ, DFC, and GEP are NCS on WVN, 3770 kc. MCR reports good results with new HRO-50. The Huntington Radio Club is reorganizing the AREC program. VPO is a new OBS. New hams are HNC, IIV, and HXG in the Bluefield Area. JM and BOK visited LBI and 3LFS. PZT has new coffee-can VFO which sounds like crystal. The following stations reported in the c.w. net: AUJ, DFC, GCZ, GEP, YPR, BWL, FVQ, GGC, BWK, EZR, EUJ, EWM, PZT, EPK, GBF, GFV 4, and 4KTA for the month of November. WVF has a new location with more room for antennas. All members of the MARA code class passed the amateur test in Washington and are awaiting licenses. SGO, now 3SGO, is located in Cheltenham, Md. New Novice stations should give a WACVV to some West Virginia ham soon. Traffic: W8AUJ 292, MCR 84, YPR 50, DFC 17, GCZ 13, GEP 9, BWK 3.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

COLORADO—SCM, M. W. Mitchell, W0IQZ—The El Paso Radio Club of Colorado Springs now is affiliated with ARRL. JMB is president and LZV secretary. PGX, with his crew of KHQ, EOQ, DYS, BRU, NDM, RV 9, RJJ, and local HQ, handled 167 in the c.d. test. CSSN (Colorado Slow-Speed Net) is getting off to a slow start. More members are needed in it. The Net meets at 1930 Mon. through Fri. on 3560 kc. AXK is on 160 meters. Lamar hams took part in the c.d. drill. JVR, with 20 watts and "V" beam, works all kinds of DX. DYS is OBS and is on 3560 kc. with bulletin at 1900. SFS has new Viking, as does SLP. DD is back on 75 meters. IC worked 67 sections in the SS. His new automatic keyer and Monitone which he built up are working FB. The Colorado Springs Club put on a transmitter hunt but the boys had trouble finding it because of reflection from the mountains. KHQ

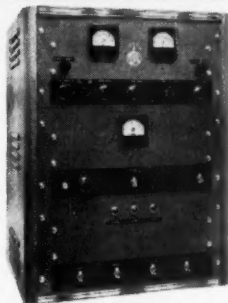
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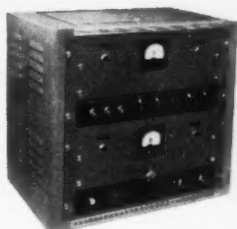
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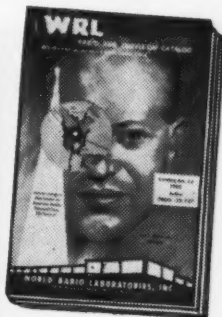
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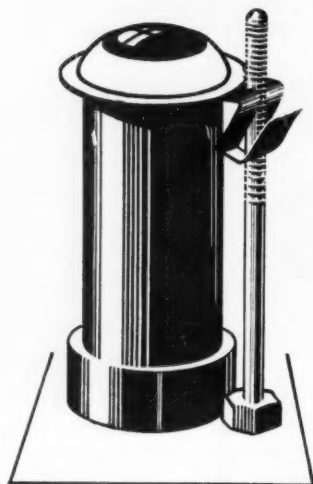
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is having speech amplifier troubles and is going to rebuild it again. Yours truly put up a 10-meter folded dipole in the attic which works out FB. The response to my request for more reports has been very heartening, with 4 letters and 8 cards received this month. The Greeley Club put on another one of its very fine annual hamfests recently with more than 100 registered. A very interesting demonstration of v.h.f.-controlled traffic lights was made and enjoyed by all. We wish to thank KHQ, PGX, LZV, and SGG for the neway letters this month. Traffic: W0ZJO 699, KHQ 194, PGX 177, MOM 37, SGG 15, DYS 7, OWP 6.

UTAH—SCM, Leonard F. Zimmerman, W7SP—NUZ was elected president, PHR vice president, and OSJ secretary-treasurer for 1952 of the Utah Amateur Radio Club. 7DAD/7 has moved to Sanday and is a new member of the MARS c.w. net. ZDX, 10-meter mobile NCS, is set up at a new QTH, 567 10th Ave., Salt Lake City. Welcome to WN7QDF who, we believe, is the No. 1 Novice licensee for Utah. KUX reports his new 304-TL rig is working FB and the TV receiver still works when he is on the air. The UARC 10-Meter Mobile Emergency Net has received spot frequency crystals and NMK has fixed up four walkie-talkies for use in conjunction with the emergency set-up. The Ogden Amateur Radio Operators Club initiated the Christmas season with a dinner dance held on Dec. 7th.

WYOMING—SCM, A. D. Gaddis, W7HNI—EC: LKQ, PAM, KFV, HX is in the hospital for a long rest. CBL is helping AMU to recuperate. ABO commutes from Gebro to Worland. HFV and MOD entertained IWW huntin' and hammin'. PKX is keeping Sheridan on 3.8 Mc. JRG is moving to Billings. MBL is on 3.5 Mc. MZW is working on 160-meter rig. LVU is constructing mobile rig. NOU still needs a new receiver. FLO, KFV, GOH, MWS, PKX, ATI, HFV, NHC, IQQ, NOU, HPE, ABO, and HNI report in on the PE net 9:00 a.m. Sundays, 3920 kc. AEC needs expert help to exterminate beavers. Any ideas from the side-lines? Traffic: W7OSH 2.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA—Acting SCM, William H. McGowen, jr., W4RTI—SEC: ISD. Appointments: EBD as PAM of AENR. LEN has resigned as SCM and is moving to Indiana. We certainly hate to see Lewis leave and wish him lots of success in his new position. The Anniston Club gave a dinner for LEN at the Noble-Purefoy in Anniston on Nov. 26th. Those attending were GBP, GYD, LEN and his XYL, PHR and his XYL, HA, BA, and BCU, all of Anniston, and EBD, OLG, and RTI of Birmingham. Members of the Alabama Phone net presented LEN with a fountain pen. AENP and AENR were alerted and both did a swell job after the tragic train wreck at Woodstock, Ala., on Nov. 25th. KVV did an exceptional job handling traffic and gathering information during the emergency. FGT and HFP served faithfully as NCS of AENP. OLG was NCS of AENR, with SDX, ECL, and GET relaying from mobiles RTF, KNW, EBD, NQK, PSW, and RTI, all at the scene of the wreck about thirty miles from Birmingham. FBP kept the two nets in contact. Sheriff Holt A. McDowell, of Jefferson County, commissioned eleven members of AENR as deputy sheriffs. PYU, formerly of Craig Air Force Base, paid a visit to FGT at Selma. AUP and ATF, of Montgomery, operate 160 meters almost every afternoon and would like to see more activity on 160 meters. Traffic: W4KIX 102, EIZ 95, BFM 22, SUF 5.

EASTERN FLORIDA—SCM, John W. Hollister, jr., W4FWZ—The Novices are really in there pitching and several of the OTs have been heard in there with them on 3.7-3.75 Mc. getting acquainted. My list of Florida WNs includes TWD, TRP, TEQ, TVQ, TEE, TWP, TYI, TFP, TOP, TRE, TKC, and FOO. Thanks to TWG for the calls of those I had missed on QSOs. WNs TKD and TWD are right open with the desire to form a WN traffic net and all we need is more with the same desire to get a section net going with pretty certificates and all. W4s JGD, in Jacksonville, and AYY, in Clearwater, have made some very complimentary remarks about the WNs they have worked. Well, the winter net skeds are in full swing and by the time this appears much new Christmas gear will have been broken in. Attendance with the K. of Kc. has materially picked up with the spirited old-faithfuls in full competition for the top brackets in the roll call. Those moving away from their old QTHs include EEP, at Jacksonville, PMS, at Cleveland, and CQX, at Tampa. The SS Contest pulled in some new contestants. Reporting were PJU and WN4TKD. Many others were heard. Here are some new mobiles in Broward County: 0GJQ, 3IMH, and 40TG. There now are 12 mobiles there on 28 Mc. IM, at Ft. Lauderdale, and IEH, at Miami, urge closer cooperation among the other ECs in South Florida. (Mutual benefits, naturally.) IM has 17 AREC members. IEH is getting reorganized in Dade. LXZ is a new president of the Dade Club, which is putting on some lively programs. The Miami Daily News runs ham news bi-monthly! OZC is Assistant EC for Dade. SEA, at Madeira Beach specialized in holiday greetings to GIs. KJ, of New Port Richey, gave the Knights of the Kilocycle program by having Robert

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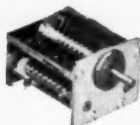


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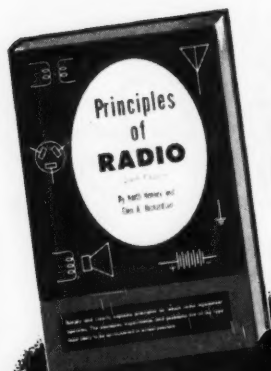
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WESTERN FLORIDA — SCM, Edward J. Collins, WAMS/W4RE — SEC: PQW, EC, PLE, DAO has returned to the air, NRX is building high power. QK is dusting off the rig. LUF is moving the rig into new studio. PQW has been QRL nets and E.C. work. RZV still clings to 28 Mc. NOX has been giving traffic a fit. TTM keeps 28 Mc. going but wants 3.8 Mc. PTK and his XYL visited Alabama and Tennessee hams. SZH is building 813 final. CNK is on again after a long absence. VR keeps up 7-Mc. c.w. work. MUX is an early morning net man. AXP meets nets also. PAA keeps 14-Mc. skeds. PJB is getting ready to get on the air again. AGB did an FB job in the SS Contest. ODO is working on 50- and 144-Mc. gear. PLE reports considerable 2-meter interest over Eglin way. OKB is working on bandswitching rig. WN4TKL keeps plugging away on the Novice band. MS is putting ham in gear in operation again. BGO is doing an FB job on 3.8 Mc. I would appreciate hearing from more of the gang. Traffic: W4PQW 61, NOX 29, MS 3.

GEORGIA — SCM, James P. Born, Jr., W4ZD — The new officers of the Confederate Signal Corps of Atlanta for 1952 are EJC, pres.; ORI, vice-pres.; EYQ, secy.; GLX, treas.; and EJN, act. mgr. The Georgia Radio Club elected the following officers for 1952: KGP, pres.; FVI, vice-pres.; JIW, secy.-treas.; and RVG, act. mgr. Congratulations to the following Georgia clubs which recently affiliated with the League: The Macon Radio Club of Macon, the Camp Gordon Radio Club of Augusta, Confederate Signal Corps of Atlanta, and the Georgia Cracker Radio Club, a state-wide club. WN4AL is new ham in Thomaston. Our sympathies go to BOL and BQU, whose mother passed away recently. The following are active in the Brass Pounders Net: OSE, Net Control, FVY, LAJ, NS, PFF, RKK, TT, WB, K4WAR, and WN4TGM. The BPN Net meets every Saturday at 1930 EST on 3750 kc. Our RM, OSE, is forming a c.w. Novice net and request Novices interested to send him a radiogram or drop him a card at Box 672, Gainesville, Ga. This will be a net for Novice stations only. EJC is rebuilding. BOC now is on 50-Mc. 'phone and c.w. RZU has moved to Texas. LOR is building a new kw. His father now is UAT, PER, OOA, and PFA are attending Georgia Tech. LXE is rebuilding his kw. final on 3.85-Mc. 'phone. WN4TDY is a new ham in Chicago and has worked 14 states with 25 watts. Traffic: K4WAR 1002, W4KGP 189, EJC 37, OSE 31, KXX 21, ZD 20, FEH 15, MTS 14, BOC 11, EYQ 11, LYG 10, FVY 6, WN4TGO 5.

WEST INDIES — SCM, William Werner, KP4DJ — SEC: ES. The WP4 Novice Net meets on 3735 kc. at 8 p.m. Tues. DJ pruned antennas to 3559, 7100 and 14,025 kc., respectively, for winter c.w. sessions. DV is working on bandswitching kilowatt. AZ is using cubical quad on 28 Mc. HZ is QRL building transmitter for sister, NL. PRARC committeemen CB and DJ conferred with RC and secured space on the main floor for club station KP4ID as NCS of F.R. Amateur Emergency Net of AREC. CH and OW keep 29.1-Mc. round table going every night. ES uses TB850 instead of kw. on 3925-kc. net. GN, GP, BV, and DJ also are on 3925 kc. with TB850s. EE's signal improved with a new 75 doubler. IT is operator at A4FAK, Tampa. FAA, Ramey AFB MARS call, was changed to AH2AB. KV4AA is building separate transmitters for 80 meters and other bands. WP4FW has a new HQ-129X. KE put 813s in his GO-9. CC has new 10-over-20 beams. DU reports into 3925-kc. net. CP has BC-610 working FB now. W4NRW/KP4 is using multiband off-center-fed antennas. MS's new 20-meter beam appears enormous on top of the house. KP4ZK and WP4PZ are a father-and-son team. JE reports on 3559-kc. AREC Net. W stations also are reporting into the 3559-kc. net at 8 p.m. Mondays. Anyone having 144-Mc. equipment ready for QSO, write DJ for introduction to others similarly equipped for schedules. Traffic: KP4DJ 6.

CANAL ZONE — SCM, Everett R. Kimmel, KZ5AW — SEC: FL, PAM: PC, RM: CG. Route Manager CG has the c.w. practice traffic net in operation weekly on 28,900 kc. at 2000R. After QNF the net reassembles on 'phone for criticism and post-mortems on the c.w. procedure used by members. AU, PC, RM, TB, and WZ are committeemen for the forthcoming CZARA hamfest. BT, on Stateside vacation, leaves the CZARA Bulletin without an editor. ML's oft-reported traffic-handling is no myth. Standing a recent noon traffic watch she was at the mike four hours, took 19 messages from the U.S.A., and put through two 'phone batches, but she couldn't get a Stateside station to take traffic for Denver. RL is having trouble making r.f. in the right places. Sky pilot LG's new and bigger church is finished. Next, he says, comes a bigger rig.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

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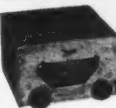
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ARIZONA — SCM, Jim Kennedy, W7MID — Good conditions for the Sweepstakes and WAS Contests resulted in some nice scores run up by the Arizona gang on both 'phone and c.w. JGZ, who is our new Route Manager, reports good activity on the 3515-kc. c.w. net, which is handled by PKU on Mondays, MLL on Wednesdays, and by himself on Fridays, at 2000 MST. This is not a high-speed net, fellows, so check in often and get the hang of message form and net procedure. LVR reports ten stations on 50 Mc. in Tucson. Two simulated emergencies went off well there. OAP has a new Viking rig. JUY is a new mobile in Phoenix. MIE got a nice write-up in the local paper for his overseas traffic-handling work. Just two reports were received this month: not much with which to write a report. Traffic: W7BH 97, JGZ 57, PKU 40, LVR 14.

SAN DIEGO — SCM, Mrs. Ellen White, W6YYM — Asst. SCMs: Shelley E. Trotter, 6BAM; Richard E. Huddleston, 6DLN; Thomas H. Wells, 6BWU. SEC: NBJ, RM; IZG, EX; DE and IOK. New EC for San Diego County is IOK, Eddie Poe, IZG, RM for the section, reports that SSN is coming along nicely with good turn-outs by KIO, IYG, BAM, KFO, GTC, 7BH, 7PKU, and 7JGZ. CNQ is actively working with the Chula Vista C.D. Net. GMG reports an unusual traffic-handling job by BSD. A YL with a message for Korea gave it to BS, as well as to two commercial services. The only one of the three to get through was that via amateur radio. It was given to the addressee, a B-29 pilot, by another B-29 pilot during an air-strike in Korea. The pilot doing the relay job picked the message up in Okinawa. Newest YL Novice in San Diego to receive her ticket is Carla Norris, WN6GJX. GMG expects to be signing a JA or KR call early in 1952. BAM accomplished quite a bit during November. He totaled 877 for BPL once again and worked F8AC for a new country. On Dec. 3rd, the Imperial Valley Amateur Radio Station in Red Cross Headquarters in El Centro was dedicated. Direct contact was established with CXO at Red Cross Headquarters in San Francisco. Business houses and public utilities in the Valley were very cooperative in furnishing equipment, reports DLN. LVN now is instructing at the local telephone com-

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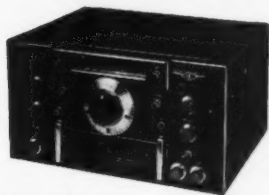
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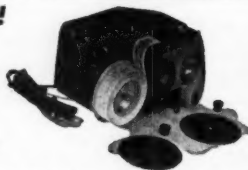
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WEST GULF DIVISION

NORTHERN TEXAS—SCM, William A. Green, W5HKH—Asst. SCM, Joe G. Buch, 5CDU. SEC: JQD. RMs: LSN and QHL. PAM: IWQ. Appointments were made to LEZ and KRZ as Asst. SEC, FNQ as EC, BAM as ORS, and IVG as ORG. Congratulations to JQD who has another call in the family, TYX making it a five-call family. CMV, our EC in San Angelo, is cooperating with the c.d. on its Red Alert. AREC people of West Texas congregated on Lamesa for a hamfied and discussion sponsored by the Lamesa AREC. Sorry to learn the station of the Pampa ARC went up in flames, with no insurance. Lubbock ARC has set up 3685 kc. as a secondary emergency frequency. An enjoyable social, picnic, and club meeting was held at Caddo State Park by the ETARC. The Nortex/Okla 'Phone Traffic Net is working under a rotating NCS system with the Texas end being carried by KRZ, HBD, SGR, IWQ, and EBW, each with an appointed alternate. Welcome to LAM, an old-time traffic maitre d' back with us. Known to have been participating in the Sweepstakes and renewing old acquaintances were BAM, SRQ, and VIM. Code practice for would-be hams is sent Mon., Wed., and Fri. nights at 7:00 P.M. on 3750 kc. by POG, IDZ, and SGR of the Sherman-Denison ARC. VIM has a new vertical colinear array on 28 Mc. LGY has a new stick holding up that antenna. CTM put in two weeks active duty with the Navy. POG has 100 watts on 144 Mc. and now wants somebody to talk to. Traffic: W5ARK 157, SQW 92, KRZ 82, BKH 72, HBD 61, PAK 59, EBW 47, IWQ 37, RHP 34, JOG 31, ONA 31, SGR 24, LGY 14, ASA 13, RJM 12, GZU 11, ROH 10, SRQ 10, BFA 8, BAM 6, QIF 4.

OKLAHOMA—SCM, Frank E. Fisher, W5AHT/AST SEC: AGM, RM: OQD, PAM: TJI. WN5-TFP received his General Class ticket 13 weeks after getting his Novice call. WN5TKC is awaiting his General Class ticket and sends in the first station activity report received here from a Novice. Thanks, Clarence. Keep up your reports. SLC swapped his Harvey-Wells for a Viking and more power. The Canton Radio Club, newly formed with QNK as proxy and ROZ as vesp., has started a program of special aid for the Novice and has invited the Boy Scouts of Canton to its code classes. SWJ sends in a traffic report of work on 7 Mc. Wonder how many other stations handle traffic on 7 Mc. and do not report their activities. AGM, our SEC, has been appointed to the Advisory Counsel of the Oklahoma Civil Defense. Let's all get behind Claude in this important work and show the c.d. group what we can do. EHC and AGM are publishing a monthly bulletin on AREC which is appreciated by all. Well, fellows, this is the last report by AHT as your SCM. Being faced with a change in jobs and possibly a new QTH I cannot carry on to good effect as SCM or as Vice-Director of the West Gulf Division and have resigned both jobs. GVV will take over as Acting SCM until a successor can be elected. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you and to work with you. I hope you I shall be of service again in the future. 73 from FE. Traffic: W5GZK 681, MRK 270, OQD 147, MFX 51, MQI 51, JHA 50, AHT 46, FOM 40, EHC 16, SWJ 16, CKQ 13, OWG 4, WN5TKC 2.

SOUTHERN TEXAS—SCM, Dr. Charles Fernaglich, W5FJF—The DX Roundup meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Bill Williams in Houston. Those present were IX, JWM, BDI, OFM, NMG, LXY, ADZ, OXI, NXX, and JFF. The boys gather around, have dinner, and discuss DX in general. One does not necessarily need to be a DX man to enjoy this meeting. There are no dues. Call ADZ or IX for further details. ADZ is planning to clamp-tube modules. A 100 WTLI has on 10-meter mobile. PY is doing an FB job as EC and also with TSGRC. EYV, who is communications chief for TSGRC, has a swell new lay-out at home and everything one could wish for at TSG. Hq. in Woodsboro. FXN wants to get the present QTH of DNN. He reports working 4FNR on 50 Mc. in November during the only opening. AQN and SU are partners in a large drugstore in Madisonville. Joe is looking for skeds with Houston, San Antonio, Waco, Austin, and Dallas. PDE is doing a nice job on 28 Mc. and we understand that he has a new 10-meter beam. TARC now is affiliated with ARRL. LM, DQF, ESL, and QGD are taking advantage of 10-meter openings. Construction is keeping FNP busy. IPT reports great activity among Temple hams on transmitter hunts. MN works sked with 9TQD at 7:30 a.m. PTV makes BPL practically every month. He has enlisted the Red Cross to visit hospitals, etc., and get messages which he is handling. The West Gulf Division DX Club is very active and KUC is doing an FB job in getting out the memorandum. Fellows, your SCM is making a New Year's resolution to be more active in tracking down the dope you fellows don't seem to want in print. How about dropping me a line before the 1st of each month and giving me the low-down on your friends and rivals. Let's all resolve

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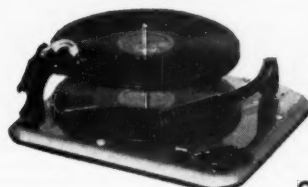


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CANADA

MARITIME DIVISION

MARITIME — SCM, A. M. Crowell, VE1DQ — SEC; FQ, EC: EK, RM: OM, FQ, our QSL Mgr., asks that you send in your large envelope for DX cards. DO NOT mail your OUTGOING cards to FQ for remailing. The QSL Bureau operates as a delivery service; the section in which it is located — providing you mail in your large envelope for YOUR cards. DO NOT mail your outgoing DX cards anywhere but to the country for which they are intended. PK is a new man in Campobello Island active on c.w. in the M.T.N. TN has moved to Selkirk, Man. HT is QNI M.T.N., T.E.N., E.A.N., V.T.N., and Q.U.E.N. TA built up a new 28-Mc. converter for mobile. YW rebuilt the rig with a view to reducing splatter. Angus operates ACU from the home QTH. We hear via the FRAC Bulletin that the N.B. fellows are thinking of going after the N.B. Highway Dept. for call-letter number plates for their cars. BM now is on from new QTH. GJ still is plugging 28 Mc. HB has been active from St. John. OL is back on, having returned from VEG-Land. LX now is A3. GU says the new all-band antenna is not so good. BJ did an FB job of painting the F.D. masts. AAY is working with new 813 final. YW is active from U.N.B. residence. CM and ZK were quite active in the SS using the latter's rig. AAV reports new 10-meter converter. AM has a new QTH with a swell radio room. PF now is on the L.I. bands with c.w. The VO boys, headed by VOIT, furnished communications link during the Royal Embarkation at a time when heavy seas parted lines would M. V. Kipsaap, from which the departure was being broadcast by C.B.C. Traffic: (Nov.) VE1YV 244, FQ 184, MK 184, OM 61, HT 42, EY 30, AAK 27, AL 10, XA 10, XH 9, GS 7, AAN 5. (Oct.) VE1TO 20, GS 9.

ONTARIO DIVISION

ONTARIO — SCM, G. Eric Farquhar, VE3IA — CJ, on a hunting trip, kept skeds with TG, AYW, and DGZ. BV is the new call of DLO. Through the grape-vine we learn the annual dinners of the London and Ontario 'Phone Clubs were held recently. W.E. gets out with new vertical. Ferguson Lake, N.W.T., is the new location of DEP, who did a fine job as OO. The Ontario Section C.W. Traffic Net, with twenty stations reporting, turns out a nice traffic total. DGA is on with a new final. DGZ enjoyed his Florida vacation. Despite illness and transmitter trouble, ATR made a nice traffic total. Members of the Mohawk Club and HARC provided communications in November Red Cross Simulated Emergency Test. HO, BBW, CBJ, BFH, BFW, BOZ, KH, RM, AP, and 2SD, all members of the Ottawa Amateur Club, supplied communications link in motorcycle races. The Brockville gang staged a successful hamfest. The Ottawa annual banquet was termed the social event of the season. The Frontier Radio Assn., Windsor, appreciates the Red Cross Society's hospitality in making its building available for meetings. The Quinte Radio Club enjoyed a splendid talk on mobile communication given by BTQ. Monthly emergency tests are to be held by this emergency-conscious club. Congrats to WJ on his installation as a Kiwanis president. With many YLs and XYLs in attendance, the Kitchener-Waterloo Amateur Club's social evening was a happy occasion. VJ is newly-appointed ORS. AHA reports the 28,250-kc. Emergency Net is going great guns on Sunday evenings. BUR moved to the open space. WJ is assembling mobile and fixed 2-meter gear. Traffic: (Nov.) VE3TX 118, IA 117, ATR 88, WY 87, IL 85, BUR 76, DGZ 66, BJV 47, AHA 44, GI 41, AYW 34, YJ 34, FQ 22, MK 18, TO 15, EAM 14, PH 14, SG 13, DIG 5, AVS 1. (Oct.) VE3IL 71, PH 36, AHA 32, BNQ 21. (Sept.) VE3IL 56.

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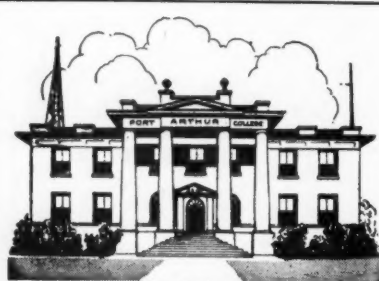
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QUEBEC DIVISION

QUEBEC—SCM, Gordon A. Lynn, VE2GL—AO
sends a nice report of doings observed while on his
travels throughout the Province. AEN suffered a motor
accident and will be laid up for two or three months. MB
was a visitor to Montreal recently. AO lunched with LZ,
who is quite active on 75 meters. RO, a sea captain, is
back on 75 meters after a summer away. FM has changed
QTH to Cap des Rosiers and will be back on the air shortly.
ZV is very active on 75-meter 'phone and 40-meter c.w.
from his new QTH in Quebec City. AJS has changed QTH
to Levis and is very busy on 75-meter 'phone. XP gave a
very interesting talk on audio at the November meeting
of MARC. AGG is building the 813 rig described in July
1951 QST after having seen the original during his vacation
at WITX. LO helps keep PQN active as well as reporting
into SSN and skeds WILM. JM is on 75-meter 'phone from
Baie Comeau. AGA, at Valleyfield, also is on 75-meter
'phone. NW is back on 75-meter 'phone from Rapide Blanc
with 150 watts into 1/2-wave center-fed antenna with 200-ft.
feeders. AMI has 19 set on 75-meter 'phone from new QTH
in Montreal. CD is active on PQN, NTS, and QEN and
handles all traffic offering. SD holds up the Hull end of PQN.
TA continues to sparkplug the QEN and is handling consid-
erable traffic with the Pacific on 7 Mc. maintaining skeds
with KG6 stations. XR has changed QTH to Dorval and is
looking for a spot to hang his skywire. Traffic: VE2CD 47,
GL 42, SD 40, LO 29, AMB 28, AO 16, AGG 12.

VANALTA DIVISION

ALBERTA—SCM, Sydney T. Jones, VE6MJ—HM
reports a very interesting trip to eastern Canada and the
United States. IW is holding the fort for GK while he en-
joys a visit to Portland. OC visited the big city and re-
ported personally to the SCM on emergency activities in
his district. LQ now has the necessary parts for a frequency
standard and should give HM a good run in the next Fre-
quency Measuring Test. NA operates portable from trans-
mitter site. JP is building logarithmic compressor. EA is
QRL rebuilding the rig for installation in new car. MJ
plans on rebuilding the frequency meter using HRO dial
for greater accuracy. MB seems to have resumed his nightly
chat with IIM. Don't forget, gang, to report your activities
to your SCM for inclusion in this column. Civil defense
plans call for organization on our part. Let's be ready.
Registar now with your local Emergency Coordinator and
take an active part in c.d. affairs. PP has returned from a
very successful trip to Europe, where he visited RSGB
headquarters. TK plans on returning to the air waves
very shortly. VS has been QRT for some time owing to
the pressure of business. Traffic: VE6OD 86, MJ 21, YM 18.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—SCM, Wilf Moorhouse,
VE7US—The BCARA had an "Open Forum" meeting
which any interested ham was invited to attend. This was
a chance for rank and file hams to see how the BCARA
functions. Following the formal address there also was an
"Open Forum" discussion on AREC matters with the
SEC, etc., present. The AREC Net now is B.C.-wide with
an NCS for the SE, SW, and Vancouver Island groups
all combined into a full network. No ragchews, but smart
check-ins, are invited. After all, an AREC net is for emer-
gency uses and not for rags. A certain amount of so-called
"regimentation" cannot be helped if AREC is to function.
ASA has skeds on c.w. with SF. SW is heard again on the
5-P.M. net. WN stations give considerable QRM on the
AREC frequency of 3755 kc. AA and NH moved to
Chilliwack. Contact is being maintained with Vancouver
and Duncan by TT on 144 Mc. ALL still is hunting for a
signal on his 2-meter converter. Secret of the month!
How does he rotate his 2-meter beam? Cowichan Valley
is hoping to organize a club. DH and LP/7 still are active
in Nanaimo. A new ham for the Kootenays is ACH. Traffic:
VE7QC 59, AOB 8.

YUKON—Following is a report of VES activities writ-
ten up by John W. Smith, VESRY. BD is a new call heard
locally. Congratulations, Bill, on getting your call and get-
ting on the air. BK has received WAC certificate. CH is
busy building a new rig with 813 final. KJ has obtained an
AR77 and soon should be on the bands. CZ and AO are
heard on 75-meter 'phone along with BN. RY and SW
were the only two heard in the DX Contest. WJ, in Ft.
Resolution, N.W.T., was worked on 7 Mc. PO, formerly
VE6FA and now at Ft. Simpson, N.W.T., also is on 7 Mc.
FI and SA also have been heard on the bands. WN has left
for a new QTH in Quebec. Don't forget, gang, to pass along
all the dope on your station activities either to CO or RY
for inclusion in this column.

PRAIRIE DIVISION

MANITOBA—SCM, A. W. Morley, VE4AM—New
appointments include ER as QBS and GV as OBS
and OPS. Ex-BM now is signing 7ASF and ex-BN now is
4ET. GV has new all-band VFO-813 on both 'phone and
c.w. CH is heard mobile on 75 meters. EH returned from a
visit to GM-Land. PA finally put the rig in a rack. BJ is
(Continued on page 110)



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gap .238. 4.45
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gap .144. 3.00
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gap .100. 4.20
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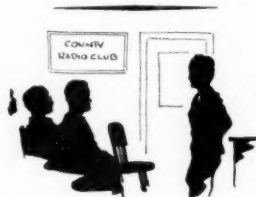
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heard on 75-meter 'phone. DQ spent some time in the hospital in Winnipeg but now is recovered. Before going back north Harry visited friends in Winnipeg, Brandon, and Minnedosa. PC is recovering from a heart seizure. FG is new on 3.5- and 7-Mc. c.w. MW, of Brandon, now is 3CMW at Ottawa. A celebration at HT's honoring his father, who is 80 years young, was topped off with a QSO with BD who had a similar celebration going on honoring his grandfather, who was celebrating his 100th birthday. It was a real QSO. In another section of this issue you will see an SCM election notice. Think it over, fellows, and be prepared to act accordingly as yours truly will not be in the running this time because of pressure of other things. Traffic: (Nov.) VE4AM 89, HQ 71, AL 27, JO 20, DQ 16, AI 14, QD 14, HT 11, CE 10, CI 7, HV 7, HS 6, LF 5, BD 3, GV 3. (Oct.) VE4AM 46.

SASKATCHEWAN—SCM, Harold R. Horn, VE5HR — The past year has been one of progress for the section. Two membership drives for ARRL and the newly-formed SARL have been gratifying. GI will be pleased to accept memberships for either anytime. Help ARRL and SARL so they can help you. We have just finished our demonstration for civil defense and although conditions were much against us we had a successful trial showing that amateur radio operators have a place in c.d. communications. Mr. Probe, Civil Defense Director, Saskatchewan, was well pleased with the efforts put forth from Fort Qu'Appelle and I also wish to thank those participating for their help and cooperation, and also GI for setting his equipment up on location at Fort Qu'Appelle. Thanks are extended to 4GU for his valuable contribution explaining propagation of frequencies to the school. KO is back on 75 meters with a new Commander. BH now is 4AL. JC is on 75-meter 'phone with an FB signal. RV is EC for the Cudworth Area and would like to hear from amateurs in that district. FY now is Squadron Controller, AFARS Saskatchewan Squadron. DS, DD, JW, and TD are new AFARS stations. My thanks to all for the cooperation received during the past year. Traffic: VE5TE 56, YF 47, HR 12, PJ 11.



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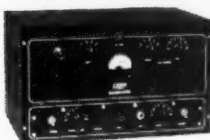
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Radio Control System

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of signal? As shown, the control will remain in its last position when the signal is lost. This is not too serious for model boat operation, but it can be disastrous for aeroplanes. This situation can be alleviated by adding two bias cells to the discriminator, to provide a centering signal. This will decrease the sensitivity somewhat but not seriously. Depending upon the quench frequency of the detector, continued operation of the receiver will provide a signal that will bring the equipment close to center with no signal.

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Battery-Operated Portable

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driver adjustments. The knobs at the lower right of the front-panel view are the doubler plate and final plate tuning adjustments. Some retuning of all circuits is usually required only when changing frequency by a considerable amount.

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Wiring a Transmitter

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If you have come along with us this far, you have probably already anticipated our conclusion, but here it is, anyway. The key to good wiring is patience, a little forethought, and a clean hot iron.

Happenings of the Month

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modification for change of address from a permanent location to a temporary location should immediately write FCC in Washington withdrawing the application; and that amateurs who have applied for modification for change of address from one temporary location to another temporary location should immediately apply for another modification back to a permanent address, with a note requesting cancellation of the earlier modification request; and that amateurs holding license at a temporary location should, when they next move, apply for modification to change address to their permanent residence.

Changes in the amateur rules are as follows: Section 12.44 (b) is amended so that the first few words read:

A holder of a Conditional, Technician or Novice Class . . .

Section 12.45 (b) amended to read:

Whenever the holder of a Conditional Class amateur operator license is required by the Commission to restrict the operation of his amateur station in accordance with the provisions of Sections 12.152, 12.153 and 12.154 of this part, the necessity for those restrictions shall be considered sufficient grounds to require the holder of the Conditional Class license to appear for the General Class examination.

Section 12.91 (a) is amended by striking the last two sentences (beginning "An amateur station operated . . .") and replacing them with:

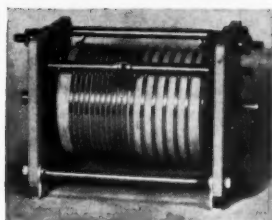
Additional advance written notice shall also be given in accordance with the foregoing whenever such operation away from the fixed station location designated in the station license exceeds one month, and for each additional month of such operation.

Section 12.93 (b) is amended to read:

The licensee of an amateur station who changes residence temporarily but retains a permanent residence associated with the fixed station location designated in the station license and moves his amateur station to a temporary location associated with his temporary residence, or the licensee-trustee for an amateur radio society which changes the normal location of its amateur station to a different and temporary location may use the station at such temporary location under the following conditions:

(1) Advance notice in writing shall be given by the amateur station licensee or licensee-trustee to the Commission in Washington, D. C., and, for each month of such operation, to the Engineer in Charge of the radio inspection district

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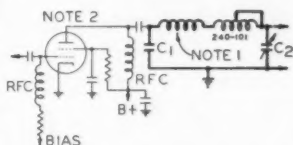
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Strays

At the December, 1951, meeting of the Quarter



Century Wireless Association held in New York City, Phil Rand, W1DBM (left), QST author and pioneer in the field of television interference elimination, gave a talk on this all-important topic. Accompanying him on the program with an amazing dem-

onstration of electronic test and measuring equipment developed for use by the blind, Bob Gunderson, W2JIO (right), editor of the Braille Technical Press, presented his bag of ingenious tricks. Bob's plea for financial support of the Press obtained spontaneous response from members present. ARRL President George W. Bailey, W2KH, was on hand as guest of honor. (Photos courtesy Bob Hertzberg, W2DJJ)



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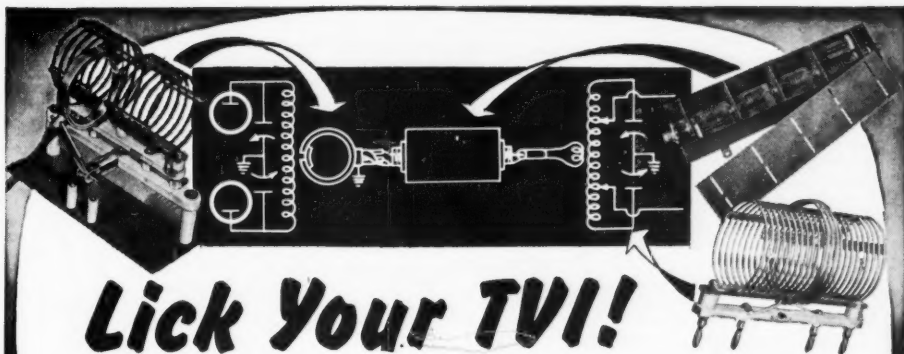
Wavelength Factor

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length. Nevertheless, if the wavelength becomes too short the beam width of Station B will become so narrow that accurate orientation will become difficult.

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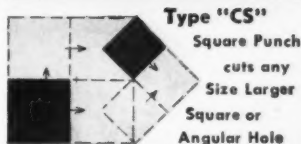
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mobile operation should be placed at the longest wavelength feasible; (2) the 420-Mc. band is the band best suited (not utilizing ionospheric effects) for general coverage operation; and (3) the microwave bands are useful mainly for point-to-point operation on prearranged schedules. Although we have only considered the dependence of antenna properties on wavelength so far, it happens by chance that the other factors mentioned at the start of this article conspire almost unanimously to confirm these conclusions.

[Editor's Note: Propagation, types of modulation, and equipment limitations will be discussed in a subsequent article.]

Mobile Installation

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mobile stations. I would suggest that when they call "CQ mobile," they also state the frequency or frequencies on which they intend to listen and also that they select frequencies where there are openings.

The terrain here in Wisconsin is hilly and there are also many low, wet places. After numerous tests, we have come to the conclusion that best results are obtained from locations where the water table is close to the surface, even though these spots may not necessarily be at high elevation. We worked most of the stations for WAS as well as DX from comparatively low spots, offsetting the old idea that height is necessary for successful contacts. While we have noticed an improvement in signal reports over wet ground in this section, this condition may not hold true in other parts of the country.

YL News

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YL-OM CONTEST

Sponsored by the YLRL, this contest will begin at 6:00 P.M. EST, February 23rd, and will end at 3:01 A.M. EST, February 25th. Any or all bands, both 'phone and c.w., may be used — schedules, crossband, and c.w.-to-'phone operation permitted. On 'phone call "CQ YL/OM contest." On c.w. YLs call "CQ OM/YL" and OM's call "CQ YL/OM." Exchange QSO number and state, U. S. possession, VE district or country. It has been suggested that the YLs on c.w. operate near the net frequencies of 3610, 7040, and 7105 kc. in order that the OM's may find them more easily. Scoring: Count one point for each station worked (YL to OM or OM to YL only). Multiply by the total number of different states, U. S. possessions, VE districts or countries (except W/VE) worked. Each station, state, country, etc. will count once only, regardless of frequency band or mode of operation. A cup donated by WSUDA, and now held by W1BFT, will be awarded to the highest OM scorer. A cup donated by W1BFT, and now held by W6YYM, will be awarded to the highest YL scorer. These cups are awarded on a yearly basis, with a three-time winner obtaining permanent possession. Certificates will be awarded to second- and third-place winners. Logs must be postmarked not later than March 2, 1952, and mailed to Kay Barclay, W3LSX, 2022 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.

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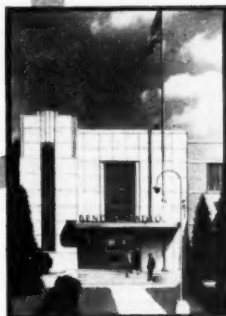
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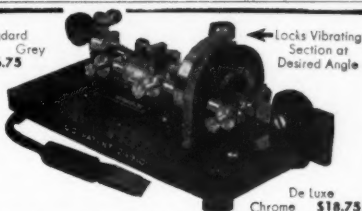
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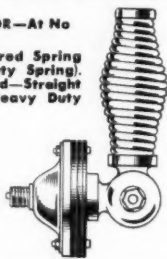
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Correspondence

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ized bands. It is my opinion that at present all c.w. and 'phone amateur frequencies are overcrowded. The only solution to the problem is either the assignment of additional amateur frequencies or perhaps through technical improvements at either the transmitting or receiving end which result in an effective reduction in the bandwidth of amateur radio signals. Any attempt to change the c.w. or 'phone assignments within the present bands is simply a matter of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

—Lloyd D. Colvin, W4KE

113 Waterloo Road
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Editor, QST:

I feel that, as an European amateur, I must comment on the editorial in the December issue of QST and also on Mr. William Szabo's letter in the same issue.

In Great Britain and, I think, in all the countries of Europe in which amateur operation is officially permitted, no attempt is made by the various administrations to subdivide the amateur bands as regards to various types of emission allowed. There is, however, a voluntary band plan in existence sponsored by the Radio Society of Great Britain which ordains that 7000 to 7050 kc. shall be for c.w. only and this plan is, in general, very well observed. However, 'phone operation does take place between 7050 and 7300 kc.

As you say, the Cairo Convention of 1938 ordains that, outside the American Hemisphere, 7000 to 7200 kc. shall be amateur, with the remainder of the band occupied on a shared basis. At the time of day when European amateur 'phone stations are likely to be active in any quantity there are many other more powerful stations active, namely the broadcasting stations. According to a list of broadcasting stations published in England by a firm of technical publishers, there are six broadcasting stations between 7000 and 7050 kc., thirty-three between 7050 and 7200 kc. and no less than sixty-eight broadcasting stations between 7200 and 7300 kc. Almost all of these stations are in the European area. I am not suggesting that all these stations are on at the same time, although it is difficult to believe that such is not the case when listening on the forty-meter band any afternoon or evening and attempting to work a few amateur stations, either 'phone or U. S. In fact, forty meters is, under present-day conditions, impossible for 'phone contacts after dark and what c.w. can be worked must be in the gaps between competing propaganda stations between 7000 and 7050 kc.

As far as Europe is concerned, it is not the amateur who is causing QRM on forty meters. If and when sanity returns to the earth and the powers that be realize what a waste of the earth's wealth of energy is the propaganda broadcasting station, we may have less 'phone QRM on forty meters, but not before.

—F. H. P. Cawson, G8ART

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Editor, QST:

This question of 40-meter 'phone is sure full of dynamite. . . . Present 'phone frequencies on the 20- and 75-meter bands are jammed and the opening of 40 meters would do much to alleviate this situation. It would be especially valuable for the increasing number of 'phone nets. So many nets are now operating on 75 meters that the average ham has to be extremely careful in the early evening hours not to step on some net frequency. . . .

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—Jerome S. Miller, WN8IDP

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Editor, QST:

Let's keep 40 meters c.w., at least in the U. S.

—Bruce Butler, W6PXX

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Editor, QST:

. . . desirable to authorize the use of the 7-Mc. band for type A-3 emission. . . .

—Mr. & Mrs. James E. Taylor, W2OZH, W2EYK
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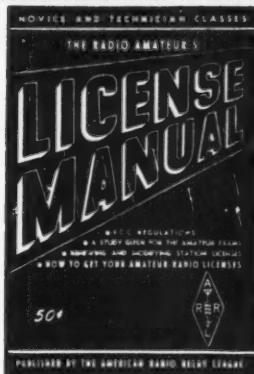
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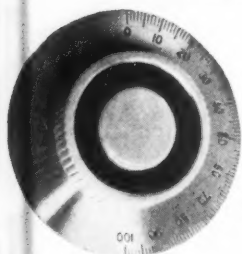
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Editor, QST:

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— Chris E. Hobson, W3AER

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Editor, QST:

Some years back the amateurs made a proposal to ARRL in an orderly way for A-3 emission on the 7300-7000 kc. spectrum. A vote was taken and I believe, at the time, 20 per cent voted for A-3 emission.

A report came back to us in a form like this, "Insofar as ARRL is a believer in democracy and whereby the A-3 emission members did not vote 51 per cent in favor, there will be no consideration of A-3 emission. Keep after your directors." It caused a great dissension amongst the amateurs.

I was never taught in school as a child that this country was a democracy where the directors (commissars?) report back to ARRL (Moscow?) and decide whether the 20 per cent should be shot or die of starvation as in Russia.

I have always been taught that this country was a republican form of government whereby the minority has equal rights as the majority. Insofar as only 20 per cent, at the time, voted for A-3 emission I should think they would at least be entitled to 60 kc. of the 7000-7300 kc. spectrum; also, at present, over 400 amateurs have, in their possession, teletype machines. They could operate them in the evening without resorting to high power if they had the use of long-haul frequencies.

— John Junginger, W2BDA

[Editor's Note: In a Midwest town, so the story goes, the civic fathers were faced with the problem of setting a satisfactory speed limit on the town's main street. Fifty per cent of the residents thought the speed limit should be 30 miles an hour while the other 50 per cent thought the limit should be 40 m.p.h. The solution was simple. Half the people now drive down main street at 30 m.p.h., while the other half travel 40 m.p.h.]

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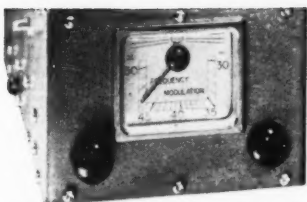
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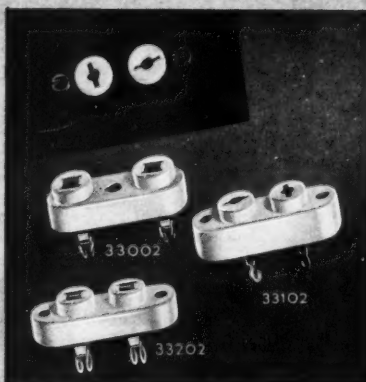
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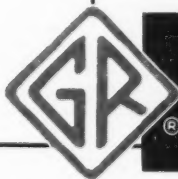
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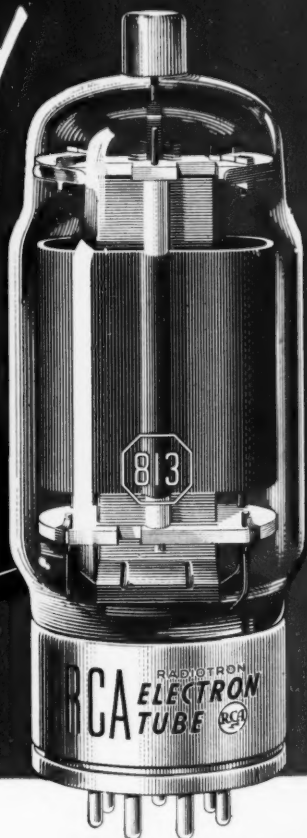
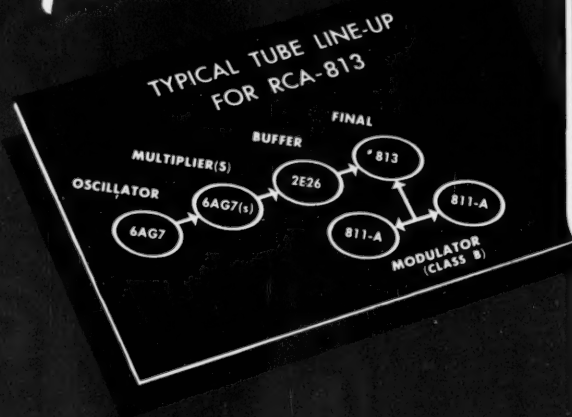
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